

WORLD CUP SURPRISE



Argentine fans at the Sydney Football Stadium

Teams assigned cities on an **ethnic basis**

In an unprecedented twist aimed at generating more excitement during next year's World Cup finals, the American organisers plan to place teams in cities where they will be guaranteed big ethnic support.

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FIFA has agreed to
drop the usual First
Round draw format of
 nominating cities in
 advance, in favour of
 selecting which venues
 will host the six groups
 depending on the ethnic
 makeup of the cities,
 World Cup organisers
said.

After the 24 finalists — all of which will be known by this lunchtime — are drawn in Las Vegas on December 19 the organisers will hurriedly choose a venue for each group before the end of the live television show.

Jim Trecker, chief press officer of the US World Cup organisers, said growing media

speculation that some teams had already been assigned to cities for the First Round was false.

First Round was false. But he said some teams would get to play two of their opening three games in cities where a large percentage of the ethnic communities

reflected that country. "It makes more sense to go as far as we can to create the atmosphere of a festival at next year's tournament. It all goes to make a good World Cup," said Trecker.

"We will place the groups in cities after the composition of the groups are known.

"There has been intense speculation that Italy will be in New York. It would make sense given the large Italian population there, but nothing has been decided yet," he said.

"The only decisions are that the US will play in Detroit and Los Angeles.

and holders Germany will be in Chicago and Dallas.

He said the selections would not depend purely on the top-seeded team.

"Numbers two and three may justify placing the group in a certain city, like Colombia and Greece would make for the World Cup."

Ireland, will not be a top seed but is earmarked for Boston if the makeup of its group made it sensible, Trecker

added.
World Cup supremo Alan Rothenberg said recently: "Originally we thought we would need certain teams in certain places to sell tickets. But now the tickets are sold, it's a matter of

ambience."

The venue cities for the first round are Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Boston, New York/New Jersey, Washington and Orlando.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21				
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Heidelberg Utd	v	Sydney Olympic	Olympic Village	5.45pm
Melbourne Knights	v	Brisbane Strikers	Melb Croat SC	5.45pm

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BORDER WARS

How interstate travel takes its toll

BY GREG BLAKE

As one country and western singing great once put it, life on the road can sure be hell.

Just ask players from the 14 CCSL clubs, most of whom will tell you that the novelty of regularly jetting off interstate is all pain for little gain.

Changes in routine, different time zones, in some cases altered sleeping patterns, unfamiliar surrounds at grounds seen only once or twice a year and hostile crowds all make for a recipe for disaster.

That goes for clubs in leagues world-wide, and it is certainly the case here in Australia where the distances clubs must travel for many away games are considerably greater than in most European domestic competitions.

Those headaches will increase in intensity when a long-overdue WA side is introduced to Australian sport's oldest truly national competition.

Of course some away trips are not as daunting, especially for Victorian and NSW clubs which are lucky enough to play anything from four to six away games in home

state territory.

That means a car journey or bus trip at worst.

But pity the poor Brisbane Strikers, the Queenslanders having to fly interstate (and then still face bus trips) thirteen times (not including cup and finals games) each year.

That probably accounts for the fact that the Strikers are the worst road winners in the league.



Drawing away from home, particularly for the top sides, is not such a task. However, winning interstate is just about as hard an ask a side can face - and the figures in our exclusive ABSW 'Border Wars' chart tell the story.

Not one of the current CCSL clubs boasts a plus 50 percent winning rate interstate, with chart leaders Marconi coming close having won in excess of 48 percent of its interstate league

games since joining the league in 1977.

Marconi's record is quite remarkable, given that the current league interstate winning average is running at 27.72, or less than 3 wins in every ten interstate trips made by CCSL clubs.

Marconi is also the best interstate winner in Victoria, having won better than 50 percent of its 62 matches south of the Murray River all-time.

For the record, the most successful club travelling to NSW are the Melbourne Knights and the best percentage road winners in both SA and Queensland are the Newcastle Breakers.

Adelaide City has had to travel outside its own state more times than any other club, having jetted out of SA for league games on 197 occasions to the end of season 1992/93.

Our exclusive ABSW 'Border Wars' chart includes the interstate games won record of every current CCSL club since the competition commenced in 1977 up to the end of the 1992/93 campaign.

League games only (ie no finals or cup matches) are included in the totals.

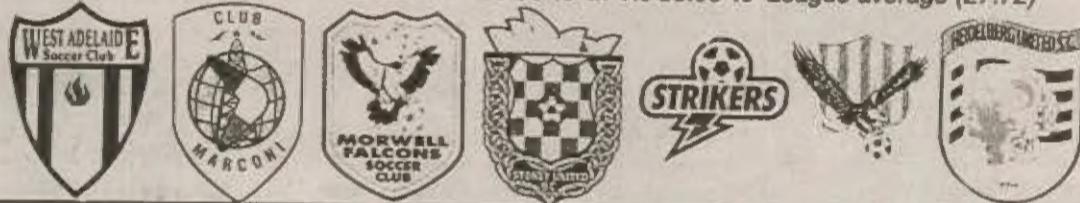
BORDER WARS CHART



Chart rating and club	NSW	Qld.	SA	Vic	Total interstate win rec'd and % of games won
1st Marconi	n/a	6 of 18	11 of 24	33 of 62	50 of 104 (48.08)
2nd M.Knights	20 of 40	5 of 8	5 of 16	n/a	30 of 64 (46.88)
3rd Newcastle	n/a	2 of 2	2 of 4	3 of 9	7 of 15 (46.67)
4th Syd.Utd	n/a	2 of 5	3 of 10	11 of 32	16 of 47 (34.04)
5th Sth.Melb	32 of 99	6 of 22	11 of 31	n/a	49 of 152 (32.24)
6th Adel.City	29 of 90	6 of 21	n/a	22 of 86	57 of 197 (28.93)
7th S.Olympic	n/a	4 of 16	7 of 23	13 of 59	24 of 98 (24.49)
8th West Adel.	29 of 90	5 of 21	n/a	14 of 52	36 of 148 (24.32)
9th Heidelb'g	21 of 85	8 of 21	3 of 27	n/a	32 of 133 (24.10)
10th Parram'a	n/a	1 of 4	0 of 7	5 of 18	6 of 29 (20.69)
11th Wollong'g	n/a	4 of 10	2 of 15	9 of 44	15 of 74 (20.27)
12th Melb.BUSC	2 of 12	2 of 7	1 of 8	n/a	5 of 27 (18.52)
13th Morwell	1 of 6	0 of 1	0 of 2	n/a	1 of 9 (11.11)
14th Brisbane	1 of 13	n/a	1 of 4	0 of 4	2 of 26 (7.69)

Win averages for teams travelling

In NSW 28.74% In Qld 32.69% In SA 26.90% In Vic 30.05% League average (27.72)



Middle Park: many clubs have come to grief travelling to South Melbourne's home ground.



EAGLES FLY HIGH



Parramatta Eagles Soccer Club



TOP 10 OF THE WORLD'S CLUBS

(1ST NOVEMBER 1992 — 31ST OCTOBER 1993)

1.	(1.)	Milan AC
2.	(2.)	Juventus FC Torino
3.	(5.)	Parma AC
4.	(3.)	Real Madrid CF
5.	(6.)	AFC Ajax Amsterdam
6.	(4.)	Glasgow Rangers FC
7.	(7.)	Sport Lisbon & Benfica
8.	(8.)	Paris Saint-Germain FC
9.	(9.)	Spartak Moscow
10.	(10.)	Olympique de Marseille

BY TED SIMMONS

Parramatta Eagles have come within a few points of being the first Australian club to be listed among the top 100 clubs in the world.

The latest listing of the Top 100 up to October 31 this year places the Eagles at 102 with a total of 105 points.

Italy's AC Milan is the number one side with 392.5 points from Juventus Torino 382.5, Parma 330, Real Madrid 325.5, Ajax Amsterdam 289.5 and Glasgow Rangers 289.

The rankings are based on club performances in competition matches, Cups and Confederation games such as the FA Cup in England and the UEFA Cup in Europe.

A listing is released each month by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics, based in Weisbaden, Germany, on results obtained from correspondents and associations around the world.

The list is compiled by the joint

efforts of the IFFHS and Axel Springer Verlag (Hamburg).

Australian clubs, similar to African, Asian, American and Oceania teams had rarely featured well in the ratings.

In November 1991, Parramatta Eagles was the best qualified Australian team in 306th place with 45 points, followed by Melbourne Croatia, South Melbourne and Adelaide City.

Last year, Adelaide City had progressed to 152nd with 85.5 points from Melbourne Croatia and Marconi with Parramatta failing to make the top six.

"It is a fabulous result. It's also great for Australia to be mentioned so highly and even better for us to be there," said Parramatta president Sam Vella.

"I feel very good about this and Australian soccer should be very proud to have a team just outside

the top 100."

The teams immediately above Parramatta and their points are Maccabi Haifa (Israel 108.6) Newells Old Boys (Argentina 108), Sampdoria (Italy 107.5) and Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine 106).



Rod Brown: former Socceroo developing an understanding with Warren Spink.



Parramatta Eagles: club is now ranked higher than Maradona's Newells Old Boys.

NO AGE BARRIER FOR TREDINNICK

Former Newcastle favourite Howard Tredinnick has shown that age can be a helpful factor in the Coca-Cola Soccer League.

Tredinnick was recalled to the Newcastle BHP Breakers this season by coach Jim Foley to add maturity and experience to the side.

"We've coped some criticism for our age factor but I'm happy to see players of any age, young or mature, who can do the job," said Foley.

"I have tremendous respect for Howard's ability and thought it a tragedy that a player of his stature would be lost to the league unless someone did something."

"Howard would be the first to admit he hasn't got too many playing years left but, he makes up for lack of pace with ability and experience."

Newcastle, after two away matches in which they lost 1-0 to Marconi and beat Melbourne BSC 2-0, will be at home on Friday

night to joint leader Sydney United.

Foley doesn't expect to make many changes to his winning side but is worried that Sydney United will produce an extra effort to make up for the 3-0 loss to Melbourne Knights on Sunday.

It was the first loss to the young Sydney side which now holds second place on



goal difference behind the Knights.

"They will probably be lean and mean for the game and we have to cope with that," said Foley.

"United have already shown ability in taking some prize scalps and they've earned a great deal of respect from everyone."

"It will be a case of youth against age, as they have a young squad who are full of running but hopefully we'll have the edge in experience."

Foley praised the roles of experienced forwards Warren Spink and Rod Brown, both former Socceroos.

Spink has scored four goals to be joint leader in the scoring race and is keen to improve on last season's performance.

"He sets high standards for himself in scoring. The only way we've helped is to continue to develop the understanding with Brown and to have David Lowe take away some of the attention," said Foley.

"We can't get players to ignore him but the work by the others opens a little bit of area for him to use and he can be lethal in front of goal."

"Scoring was one of our worry areas last season but we've already put away six goals which is a big improvement towards our premiership chances."



AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH SOCCER WEEKLY — NOVEMBER 18, 1993



Horror road ahead for Zebras

BY TOM MCKAIN

NOW that the postponed games program is official, it is even worse for Adelaide City.

Their request to play the games once a fortnight midweek to make up the leeway was rejected by the Australian Soccer Federation.

They now face a horror road in the catch-up process.

It will see them playing games on December 19, 22, 26, 29 and January 3.

Their first will be against Olympic in Adelaide next Wednesday.

Coach Zoran Matic's line-up will depend on how his Socceroos — Milan Ivanovic, Robert Zabica, Carl Veart and Tony Vidmar and Alex Tobin — have weathered the Argentinian campaign.

There is no way they will be able to walk back into the CCSL environment and take up where they left off after the hype and tension of the World Cup qualifiers.

However, Matic and officials are not just worried about form and the strain of two games a week for part-timers.

They are also looking at the cost, as players away from home midweek will have to be paid extra to

make up for lost wages, and there is a possibility that some will not be able to get time off work.

A losing team draws no fans, and that is another worry for club officials.

And even with games in hand after playing only one league match, it is far from a morale booster to look at your team sitting at the bottom of the table and know you have a long way to climb before even thinking about a Top Six



Zoran Matic

berth — and bonus payments for winning matches.

If City come through it this time, it will be a miracle.

The wheel has turned a full coaching circle as far as Carlos Buzzetti is concerned.

As SA's Director of Coaching he went to Buenos Aires for the Argentina — Australia game then on to Brazil to attend an advanced course organised by FIFA.

And here's where the wheel comes in.



Years ago Mike Wells, now Australian Coaching Director, was SA's coaching mentor and was invited to Brazil to set up coaching courses.

While the Brazilians had plenty of raw talent around as far as players and coaches were concerned, they were far from organised.

They had heard of Wells' ability as an administrator and course organiser and cashed in on his knowledge.

So now Buzzetti, his successor in SA, is off to the Brazilian Academy of Football to sit at the feet of Brazil coaches.

But the unusual twist does not end there.

After Brazil, Buzzetti has been invited to his native Uruguay to explain to coaches there what Australia is doing on the coaching scene and why they are rising on the international scene.

"It just proves that no one knows everything, and like I always tell our guys on courses there is always something new to learn, and you can gather knowledge from anywhere in a game which is always changing and improving technically and in training techniques," said Buzzetti.



Milan Ivanovic: faces a horror load on his return from Argentina.

RATING THE MELBOURNE VENUES

BY DWYNGT

TUFFNELL AND GREG
BLAKE

For interstate supporters planning to travel to Victoria to watch their team in action, here is a guide to the five CCSL grounds that await you.



SOUTH MELBOURNE - MIDDLE PARK.

Regarded as the number two venue behind Olympic Park, Middle Park has hosted a youth international and two Victorian Premier League grand finals in recent times.

Undercover seating caters for around 3000 people but the rest of the ground is meant specifically for standing. Easy access via public transport and the ground is about 15 minutes out the city.

Set in the suburb of Middle Park, it is surrounded by nearby Albert Park Lake and Port

Phillip Bay.

An historic ground which always provides a tremendous atmosphere when it is full, with South having the most fanatical supporters in the country.

Rating (out of 10) - 8

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS - CROATIAN SPORTS CENTRE.

Identically named venue as its sister club in Sydney but usually referred to Somers Street by Victorian soccer public.

Built on an old Drive-In Theatre, Somers Street is a pleasant ground in the industrial city of Sunshine. Similar to Middle Park with shelter and seating only available on one side



of the ground. A monstrous stand with about 1000 seats, plenty of room for parking inside and is about 25 minutes from the Melbourne CBD.

Only blemish at the

ground is the huge fence around the playing arena which reminds one of a European stadium.

One of the few club-owned grounds in the

After a decade of residency the Bergers could reasonably have been expected to do more with the Village as the potential of the ground and its surrounds appears unlimited.

Although not tested, the capacity of Olympic Village probably betters the other Melbourne venues.

Rating (out of 10) - 6



league, the home of the Knights is not yet completed but it promises plenty as a future finals venue.

Rating (out of 10) - 7

HEIDELBERG UNITED - OLYMPIC VILLAGE.

The Village is the only ground in the CCSL to have a running track around it, a sight usually only seen overseas.

Sadly, one of the stands has been damaged by vandals, who have also sprayed graffiti on the walls and left the Heidelberg people with a yet uncleaned mess.

Ample cover if the heavens should open, but a lack of seating does somewhat lower the standard of the ground.

Slammed by the Sydney media (although curiously very few members of that group have ever been sighted at the ground) the Falcon's have worked hard enough in the off-season to please even their harshest critics.

New \$1.6 million stand is undoubtedly one of the best in the country. A huge, modern construction which accommodates around 2000 fans.

Plenty more seating is also available, but, yes the cars are still parked behind the goals, however the new stand more than makes up for a still pleasant 'country' atmosphere.

A two hour drive out of Melbourne into the

Latrobe Valley where the best option is to stay overnight and enjoy the beautiful country settings.

Rating (out of 10) - 8

MELBOURNE BRUNSWICK UNITED - WESTERN OVAL.

The Puma's home for the past two seasons now is in the Western Suburbs and is the home to four

different codes of sport.

Essentially the home of AFL (Aussie rules) team Footscray, it is also used by the Melbourne Monarchs baseball team and the Footscray District cricket club. The Monarchs and the cricket club, along with BUSC, will all utilise the venue in a busy summer for the Western Oval.

On the playing side this arrangement has already caused headaches for all three sports.

Fans congregate on the one side of the huge (by CCSL standards) 30,000 capacity ground, making the Western Oval an atmosphere-less place on soccer match days.

But abundant seating (mostly under cover) available on the western side of the ground, convenient parking and magnificent eating and drinking facilities (as well as the pokies) make up for the shortcomings.

Rating (out of 10) - 7

NOTTS COUNTY DUO



Australians Shaun Murphy (left) and Bob Catlin pose for Notts County's 1993/94 team photo. Defender Murphy, a Barcelona Olympian, has played more times than goalkeeper Catlin (ex-Marconi) in the first team since the pair joined the First Division club last season.



THE GOOD OIL... THE GOOD OIL...

WITH
JOHN
ECONOMOS**ROCKY WEDS**

STEVE ("Rocky") O'CONNOR, former Australian World Cup centre-back, will marry his vivacious fiancee, Jacqueline this Saturday afternoon at Sydney's eastern suburb of Woollahra... Jacqueline a Sydney promotional model, was born and raised in Perth.

Steve is currently employed as the assistant coach to Ronnie Smith at the Australian Institute of Sport based in Canberra.

"Rocky" last week was taken out by a group of his mates for a pre-wedding celebration drink or two.

The gathering proved most nostalgic as it largely comprised of Steve's former champion-winning Sydney City team-mates.

The group included goalkeepers, Todd Clarke and Tony Pezzano, sweeper, Alex Robertson, midfielders Murray Barnes and Joe Watson, plus lethal marksmen Terry Smith and John Kosmina.

Despite the years gone by, all still looked fighting fit and all wishing they were in Argentina this morning to help their mate and former Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson do battle against Maradona's men.

TONY'S BABY

TONY PEZZANO, a former Sydney City warrior and currently Marconi's back-up goalkeeper, last week was presented by his wife with their second child..

It was a boy, Michel, who arrived swaddled in a "wearing gloves".

The Pezzanos already have a girl, named Olivia.

ANDY'S BABY

SPEAKING of babies, SBS-TV commentator Andy Paschalidis became a father for the second time.

Last Sunday, the moustachioed television personality was presented by his wife Jane, with a girl, at the St George Hospital.

The couple already have a son

AWESOME AURELIO

AURELIO VIDMAR, was nominated by Zoran Matic 12 weeks ago as the man who should be Australia's playmaker, stating "He can, and will do the job."

This morning against Argentina, the magnificent buzzing Aurelio was Australia's playmaker and did do the job well as predicted by his former mentor.

BERNAL BACK

ANDREW BERNAL, Sydney Olympic's centre-back and captain, has at last made his way back onto the playing pitch after an absence of more than 10 months.

Recovering from his fourth knee operation in less than 18 months, Bernal has not played in the NSL since last February.

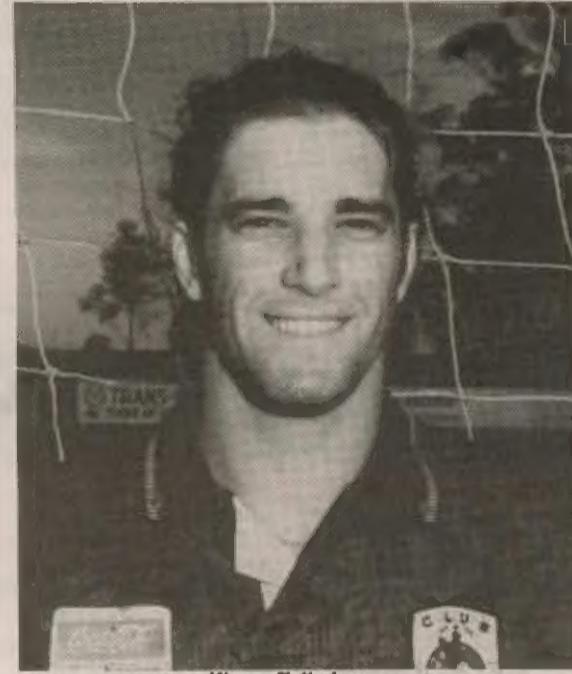
The star centre-back



Zoran Matic

was able to score two (one a penalty) to defeat Australia 2-0.

Bernal who speaks Spanish, was talking throughout that match to Cannigia who told the Aussie hard defender just how much he resented having to fly back from Italy to play for Argentina.



Kimon Taliadoros

KIMON'S DROUGHT

KIMON TALIADOROS must be starting to think that he has killed a Chinaman, such is his bad luck so far in the goal stakes.

The Marconi striker, after five rounds, has still to break his "duck".

Last season when after eight rounds, Kimon was still goalless, he then got his eye on target to end the season bagging 12 goals.

Last Sunday night, with a little luck against Sydney Olympic at Leichhardt Oval, Kimon could easily have finished the match with no less than a massive four goals.

This Sunday night at Marconi Oval, Kimon will again persevere, this time against the tight defence of David Ratcliffe's Wollongong City in his frustrating endeavour to break his goal-drought.

MATCH BACKLOG

ADELAIDE CITY and SOUTH MELBOURNE, will again be without League matches this weekend due to both Clubs having a large number of their respective squad members away on World Cup duty.

Zoran Matic's side was to have played City sister Club, West Adelaide this Sunday at the Hindmarsh Stadium. But this match has

been re-scheduled for next month, Wednesday night, December 22nd.

South Melbourne who was set down to clash with Parramatta Eagles this Sunday in Sydney, will face the Eagles next year, again a Wednesday night, January 12th.

Matic, Adelaide City's champion-winning master, sees his team currently sitting in the most unacceptable and somewhat embarrassing position at the bottom of the League ladder with zero League points.

In his record of eight successive seasons as City's coach, Matic has never ever been placed anywhere near the bottom of the League.

But this is only a temporary situation as Matic has no less than five League matches to play after Sunday night, once his five players of the "Adelaide City-Socceroos Contingent" arrive back from Argentina to start Adealide's long climb up the Ladder.

Adelaide City players in Argentina with the Socceroos are Robbie Zabica, Milan Ivanovich, Alex Tobin, Tony Vidmar, and Carl Veart.

LUCKY 14

HEIDELBERG UNITED who meets the high-flying Sydney Olympic this Sunday at the Olympic Village, will be hoping that their opponents' recent track record against Victorian Clubs continues.

Olympic in its last 13 expeditions into Victoria, has NEVER won a single match in the Southern State.

"SID" VICIOUS

WARREN SPINK, Newcastle Breakers' brilliant striker, after just four League rounds has already nailed down four goals.

Hampered by annoying injuries in the first 11 weeks last season, "Sid" once fit, still managed to rapidly fight his way up the scoring charts to end just behind the League's leading



"Rocky" O'Connor in action for Australia.

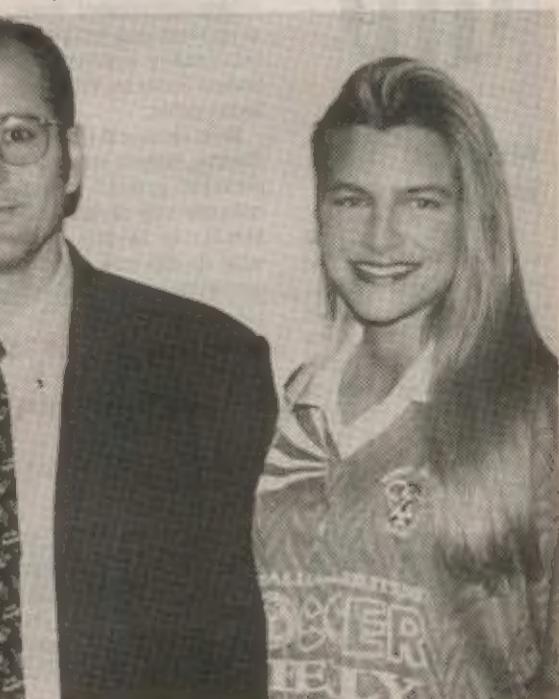
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But if all goes well this season, (and we hope they do for him), "Spinksey" with his explosive acceleration, courage and direct play, will seriously threaten the Top-Goalscorer Award.

Spink with his strike-

partner-in-crime, Rod Brown also in his best form for years, should have the Breakers' coach, Jimmy Foley with a real smile on his face in the coming weeks.

A healthy and successful Newcastle is urgently needed in the League.



Bertie Mariani flanked by vivacious duo, Jasmin and Stefanie.



Warren Spink

MARIANI MALE MODEL

BERTI MARIANI, Sydney Olympic's studious coach, does every now and again have some pleasant duties to perform and break up the hazardous monotony of coaching in the NSL.

Here we caught Berti posing with attractive models Jasmin Nixon (20) on the left and Stefanie Siegel (22) on the right as they model Sydney Olympic's new season playing strip.

Mariani adamantly denied that the two models were new signings by Olympic to help boost gates at Leichhardt Oval.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

COMPILED BY STEPHEN COPPING

F.... that. I mean, we've only got 90 minutes to go. Just run your heart out, just give it your all. Then it's over. The worst thing for a footballer is to get off the field, to get into the change rooms, and think, what if? You have to really want to win the game, to give 110 per cent - Robbie Slater, always giving his all for his country.

They probably thought they were going to win five or six nil. They have got to grow up - Sydney United coach Manfred Schaefer admitting his side are young in body and mind after his United Babes drew with strugglers Melbourne BUSC.

Eddie Thomson wants to see what happens against Argentina before deciding on a match program for the tournament - ASF chairman puts a proposed soccer tour on hold as the country awaits today's outcome between Argentina and Australia. The international teams mentioned are Denmark, Japan, Ghana and Greece.

I have talked to an agent, who wouldn't tell me which club it was until it becomes more definite. But they have seen me play, the have seen videos and that sort of stuff and apparently they are quite interested - Socceroo striker Graham Arnold revealing that a possible move to a club in the Japanese J-League is on the cards.

I'm just being honest. The physio could have given an opinion but in the end I thought it was up to me - Aston Villa goalkeeper Mark Bosnich's superb form has landed him in trouble. A penalty save results in a hip injury which made him miss today's game against Argentina.

After playing in the World Youth Championship with Ghana I knew I would be back - defensive midfielder, Ransford Banini, joins Melbourne BUSC and admits he hopes to stick around for a season in the National League.

We call Gossy (Jeremy Goss) the God because he keeps scoring vital goals - Norwich City and Scotland goalkeeper Bryan Gunn celebrates with words as his side beat Bayern Munich and go through to the last 16 of the UEFA Cup.

I know they are taking the mickey out of me by calling me God. It's all a bit of a laugh and a joke. I am just lucky I have got a couple of goals - Goss denies the God rumour and puts his goals down to luck.

A magazine said I was wanted by Barcelona and Benfica. The best offer I have had is from Barnsley - Two goals for Goss in the UEFA Cup and he is a wanted man by Europe's top clubs.

We never crossed the ball once, we didn't get behind the full-backs and when it became a matter of desperation, the game became a shambles - Manchester United and manager Alex Ferguson exit the European Cup to apparent no hopers from Turkey, Galatasaray.

They have never been to a Glasgow wedding, have they? - Ferguson shrugs off suggestions that Galatasaray fans were being whipped into a frenzy of hate before the European tie.

We were unable to join the European Community but we did join the first eight in the European Cup - Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller after Galatasaray won through on away goals.

I'm having a crap game and anything you say will not alter it - Referee Ian Borrett answering Crystal palace manager Alan Smith's criticisms.

I think he was fitter when he was fatter - Referee Sandor Puhl on Diego Maradona's contribution to Argentina's World Cup draw in Australia.

Letters to the Editor



Tell us what you think about soccer's big issues. Letters should ideally be a maximum of 200 words, and may be edited.

AMAZED FAN

After reading your letters section (11.4.93) regarding the "Disgusted CCSL Supporter" that I had to put pen to paper.

I think the person that wrote the letter has never watched a CCSL match in his life. Either that or he is deaf.

I was on the Hill with the young generation during the Sydney United v South Melbourne match and I saw or heard nothing that you would not hear at Parramatta Eagles, South Melbourne or Melbourne Croatia grounds.

Paul Fitzharris
"Sydney United Fan"
Edensor Park

DON'T FORGET THE FACTS

After reading the letter "A Disgusted CCSL Supporter" I felt I must write. He referred to problems by Croatian crowds at Edensor Park. I felt he has totally neglected to report the facts.

For instance when Francis Awaretife played for Melbourne CSC (now Melbourne Knights), he was continually called "nigger" by their supporters.

Also as I am of Greek origin how come none of the so called racist supporters attacked me when I went to see Sydney United against South Melbourne?

It must be added that home supporters have every right to give the opposition supporters and players grief during a game. Surely that is what being a supporter is all about?

To the person who wrote that letter I say wake up and be fair!

John Panopoulos
Granville, NSW

SOCCER IS THE BEST

I am referring to the CCSL supporter who vowed not to attend another match at Edensor Park.

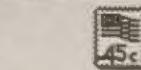
I say to that person that billions around the world can't be wrong - soccer is a big game supported by many people.

Given the amount of people involved it is not surprising that you get a few hooligans at soccer games.

Vincent Scali
Bankstown

YOUR WRONG

After reading the letter "A Disgusted CCSL Supporter" describing the Croatian backed followers of Sydney United I felt I had to write.



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VELIMIR KUPRESAK

No wonder this person asked for his name to be withheld!

I have always been on the Northern End Hill at Edensor Park, and at Marconi and Heidelberg.

There has always been a fair amount of racial abuse but it has always been dealt with, whether it is at Edensor Park or Marconi Stadium.

The game between Sydney United and South Melbourne was supported by two sets of fans that love the game.

After the match both sets of fans shook each others' hands after the game, so the implication that the fans of those two teams were at each others throats was just wrong, wrong, wrong!

After the game some of the SBS crew clapped us for our vocal support. I hope this answers any doubts about us Sydney United supporters.

Name and address withheld
at writer's request.

SEEING INTO THE FUTURE

Dr Bradley (of Bradley Report fame) could not have foreseen the conflict in the former Yugoslav Republic.

If he was a Australian Soccer Federation commissioner he would have seriously recommended dropping the name Croatia from Melbourne and Sydney clubs.

George Stavropoulos,
Footscray, Victoria.



Greek fans showing their support.

FROM THE HIP

WITH LOU GAUTIER

■ Win, draw or lose this morning (Thursday), the Socceroos' match against Argentina marked the end of an era.

From now on, Australia will qualify for the World Cup finals via Asia.

The Socceroos will find the passage to future finals immensely easier, but the Australian public will be the loser. Big, decisive matches against the likes of Israel (1969 and 1989), Scotland (1985) and Argentina will be a thing of the past.

The only World Cup games Australian spectators can watch in the future will be Oceania qualifiers against New Zealand, Fiji, Papua-New Guinea, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Tahiti and New Caledonia.

The winner of the Oceania group will then almost certainly link up with the winners of Asian groups for a final six or seven-nation round-robin tournament in a neutral venue from which three teams will qualify for the finals. So the days of glamour, media attention-grabbing games à la Scotland, Israel or Argentina are well and truly over.

The Australian Soccer Federation will have to work harder than ever to push the Socceroos — the locally-based national team members — in the years ahead.

It is absolutely essential in view of our new World Cup qualifying route that attractive international tournaments be staged every year in Australia during our winter months. If planned ahead, there is no reason why every June or July, teams of the calibre of 1988's Gold Cup Brazil and Argentina cannot be invited.

Why not have an annual tournament, modelled on the lines of the prestigious President's Cup in South Korea or Thailand's King's Cup?

There's no reason in the world why the Socceroos, properly marketed, cannot become big drawcards in their own right.

With new horizons for the national team in the World Cup, the Australian Soccer Federation will need to push their product harder than ever. The well-being and high profile of the sport demand it.

MILESTONE

■ Paul Wade this morning reached a milestone.

At Buenos Aires' River Plate Stadium, the Socceroo captain became Australia's most capped player with 65 full "A" selections.

He shared the record of 64 caps with another Australian captain also, coincidentally, English-born, Peter Wilson.

With so many Australians plying their trade overseas, and only available for World Cup matches, this record should stand for a long time.

USA '94

■ Dallas was one of the last US World Cup cities to sell their allotment of tickets for USA '94 group matches.

And I know why. Dallas is an oven in the North American summer.

Having watched afternoon games in Texas in the days of the now-defunct North American Soccer League, I shudder to think what the conditions will be at mid-day.

Yes, midday. That's when several of the matches will be played — to accommodate European television.

It will be sheer hell for players and spectators alike.

No wonder the locals did not make a beeline for the ticket counters. And while on the subject of the United States, a lot has been made in sections of our soccer-bashing media about a recent survey in the USA which showed that only 13 percent of Americans were very interested in the upcoming World Cup.

Thirteen percent in the case of the United States represents some 31 million people, almost twice Australia's population.

These are the people who have bought out every stadium where USA '94 matches will be staged, ensuring the best attended finals ever.

And that in a country allegedly indifferent, even hostile to the world game.

RATINGS RECORDS

■ Even more people watched the Australia-Argentina second leg than did the 1-1 draw in Sydney on October 31.

That game attracted a live world-wide audience of 200 million, including a record 1.6 million in Australia.

The November 17 clash was seen live by 350 million, but certainly less viewers in Australia because of the mid-morning week day time slot.

However, hundreds of viewing parties were organised throughout the country to watch the game live on SBS.

In Argentina, the match attracted an all-time attendance record for the River Plate Stadium — almost 82,000 squeezed into the ground (78,000 watched Colombia's 5-0 win over Argentina in September).

And TV ratings are expected to be smashed as well, with 22 of Argentina's 33 million inhabitants glued to their sets.



Breakers break strugglers BUSC

BY GREG BLAKE

RATED too old and too slow the Newcastle Breakers were still too good for ailing Melbourne Brunswick at the Western Oval on Sunday.

Two first half goals against ten man Melbourne BUSC were enough to see the plodding but experienced Breakers to an easy victory over a Melbourne side who would rather forget a dirty afternoon.

The day started badly enough for Melbourne with the non-appearance of its Australian record transfer, Ghanaian youth international skipper Ransford Banani, whose transfer papers were not cleared on time for a debut at the weekend.

If that wasn't bad enough the match-deciding sequence to seal Melbourne's fate came early in the piece as livewire Archie McGeachey was dealt a double blow for a handball indiscretion in the 17th minute.

A long distance shot from Graham Jennings and a deflected header from man-of-the-match John McQuarrie left McGeachey last man standing on the goalline and his left handed

MELBOURNE BUSC 0 NEWCASTLE BREAKERS 2

reflex parry of the shot drew a penalty and a red card from match referee Eugene Brazzale.

As McGeachey walked grim-faced from the Western Oval Warren Spink stepped up to give the Breakers a lead which never looked like being pegged back by a pedestrian BUSC team.

Nine minutes from



halftime Newcastle got

Kourtis and Rob Tombolato to keep the Breakers from rolling right over the top.

BUSC coach John Margaritis made all the right noises after the game despite what was really a gauling home defeat.

"We had an excellent chance to win and get three points, but it is very difficult with ten men," Margaritis explained.

"The first 15 minutes it was going okay and maybe if I had 11 players it might have been different."

Margaritis did eventually concede his side's pitiful display saying "Maradona would not have produced a thing for us today."

Despite having little to beat the Breakers' win was an all the way effort as it produced another five scoring chances to nil after halftime, the best with a minute to play as Ralph Maier smacked a punishing drive into the Melbourne Brunswick crossbar.

Margaritis attempted to deflect some of the flack in the face of the loss by pointing the finger at the media for its part in his side's disappointing performance.



"Our morale is sky high," he said.

"The only reason it wouldn't be is because of you guys (the media)."

BUSC ended the game with both Tombolato and John Pillimer injured and in doubt for next week.

MELBOURNE BUSC: Kourtis, Marley, Ferla, Lane, Pillimer, McGeachey (sent off 17), Bevincovski (Kirishian ht), Zinni, Emmanuele, Karkaletsis, Tombolato (Minichiello 81).

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS: Gosling, Maier, Jones, Jennings, McQuarrie, Brown, Spink, Lowe, Owen (Roberts ht), Treddenick, Meredith.

SCORERS: Spink pen.

18m, Brown 36m for Newcastle.

YELLOW CARDS: Treddenick 84m for Newcastle.

RED CARDS: McGeachey 17m for BUSC.

REFEREE: E. Brazzale.

CROWD: 1200.

POY: McQuarrie 3, Meredith 2, Tombolato 1.



Warren Spink: scored from the spot for Newcastle.

Hughes the hero



Brett Hughes: Wollongong's unsung hero.

BY MIKE TICHER

Coach David Ratcliffe singled out goalkeeper Brett Hughes as one of Wollongong's unsung heroes this season after his two point-blank saves rescued a point in round four at Parramatta.

"Hughes hasn't done a thing wrong so far," Ratcliffe said. "I wouldn't be swapping him for anybody."

Ratcliffe believes Hughes suffers from the lack of credit given to Wollongong by the media.

"We're a better side at home than we are away," he said, "but not too many Sydney and Melbourne journalists come to Wollongong. Some of them probably wouldn't know where it is."

"We're judged by our away performances. If we win people tend to say the other team played badly."

"If you play for Wollongong you don't get the credit you deserve," he said.

"Matt Horsley should have gone to the [Barcelona] Olympics. A few players who did go haven't kicked on."

Ratcliffe has also been impressed with new signing Scott Ollerenshaw and veteran defender Mike O'Shea, in the Wolves' solid start.

Ollerenshaw has given Wollongong some new options up front.

"We do need seven or eight people to play well, we don't have too many matchwinners, but Ollerenshaw is one of them," Ratcliffe said.

Cranney returns



Sean Cranney: pressing for a first team spot.

BY MIKE TICHER

Utility player Sean Cranney is back in the reckoning for the Strikers this season after suffering an injury in the World Youth Championships which sidelined him for the rest of the CCSL season last year.

Now fully recovered, Cranney has been in and out of the Brisbane team so far this season, partly thanks to the arrival of the experienced Danny Wright and Gary Phillips.

"It's pretty competitive for

places now," Cranney said, "so I'll just have to wait my time."

One regular starter this season has been Sean's brother Troy. "He's been playing pretty well," acknowledges Sean. "It would be pretty hard to knock him out."

Cranney played in a wide midfield role for the Young Socceroos, but has mostly been used at right-back by Brisbane. "I'll play anywhere to get a regular spot," he says now.

But the presence of Wright, Phillips and veteran Frank Pimblett has added some much-needed resilience to the

Strikers' line-up.

"Having more experienced players has made a difference from last year," Cranney said.

"Last year we got beaten a few times quite easily, but this year we're pretty competitive."

Nevertheless, the Strikers have still to record their first win of the season.

"We've been playing fairly well, and we've had quite a lot of possession. We just seem to be not scoring goals."

"The team's settled down quite well, we've just been a bit unlucky."



Nightmare at Hindmarsh Stadium



Gerry Gomez: was part of the Eagles' stacked defence last Sunday.

BY TOM MCKAIN

COACH Raul Blanco's "beautiful football" dream could be turning into a nightmare for West Adelaide.

They started the season with that 5-0 drubbing of Brunswick, then ran into a packed defence against Newcastle to draw 0-0 at home, followed up with a 1-0 win at Morwell (but that came from a free kick) and last Sunday were shattered at home when Parramatta won 2-1.

And again it was a packed and resolute defence which thwarted the Sharks.

They looked, and were, brilliant on the ball and in build-ups off it, but when it came to finding the back of the net they were met at times by nine defenders plus goalkeeper Peter Gunning.

Blanco, back from Socceroo duty, must now come up with a system which will draw defenders out, or find a way to go round them.

But it is hard when all you can see in the box is a sea of opposition shirts, which was the case against Parramatta and Newcastle.

And it was the Sharks who were sucked in by Eagles' coach Rale Rasic who hit them on the break,

PARRAMATTA EAGLES 2 WEST ADELAIDE 1

and when they were all surging forward.

West fans were stunned when unmarked Nick Orlic got up in the box to head home the first goal in the 50th minute and when Gabriel Mendez had room to fire in a 35 metre curler in the 57th minute.

Had that been at the other end of the park there would have been no space for the ball to get through.

Battling West captain Raymond Blair showed how it should be done when he attacked down the



Parramatta Eagles Soccer Club

middle to find one of the few chinks in Rasic's armour to pull a goal back a minute after Mendez had struck.

The Sharks continued the pressure, but when shots did get through, or over the wall, they were off target or Gunning took over.

For Parramatta fans it was a major triumph as it was the Eagles' first win since they took out the

League Cup. And it was even more noteworthy when you consider that Marshall Soper had to leave the field injured after 23 minutes.

Replacement Brendan Renaud looked the goods and along with Joe Spiteri and Mendez made the West defenders earn their money.

Parramatta must now be considered another candidate for a Top Six berth.

Meanwhile, Blanco must be wishing that last year's top striker Jose Iriarte had not gone to play in Singapore where he is now trying to recover from a groin injury suffered during gym work.

He is likely to be out for another six weeks at a time when he might have proved the answer to West's goal drought.

New signing George Haniotis is expected to take the field on Wednesday for the postponed match against South in Melbourne, and West will have no game on Sunday as the match against Adelaide City has been postponed.

Haniotis will be used as a stopper to cover for Robbie Slager, recovering from a broken ankle, but



while a tight defence is essential, Blanco will be more interested in finding out why his array of talented attackers can't produce goals.

One bright spot for the Sharks will be the return of Stan Lazaridis, who was used sparingly in the Socceroos' campaign.

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Keramidas, Vatsilas, Mills, Hooker, Kokkinoplitis, Blair, Cerro, Slifkas, Brazzale (Tsekinis 58) Brown.

PARRAMATTA EAGLES: Gunning, Ciantar, Gwynne, Gomez, Koch, Orlic, Moffitt, Mendez, Soper (Renaud 23min), Spiteri, Falzon (Sprod h-t).

SCORERS: Orlic (50), Mendez (57), Blair (58).

YELLOW CARDS: Slifkas, Ciantar, Gomez, Orlic, Mendez, Spiteri.

REFEREE: John Fraser.

CROWD: 3,200.

POY POINTS: Mendez 3, Blair 2, Koch 1.



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SCORERS: Biskic (11), Podeljak (17, 40). Crowd: 3434

REFEREE: Gary Brownlie. **POY:** Biskic-3, Podeljak-2, Silic-1.

Crackerjack Podeljak ignites Knights

SYDNEY UNITED 0 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 3

forward took his season's tally to four in four games with a first half double which made United's championship aspirations look like nothing more than a pipe dream.

In doing so he delighted Knights coach Mirko Bazic, who neatly summed

up the value of the ex St. Albans junior after the game: "Podeljak is the best striker in my team."

The predatory instincts of Podeljak, and the form of the Cervinski brothers up front, gave Melbourne supporters cause for confidence that their side will be contenders come finals time.

"We will be in the in the Top Six for sure", Podeljak predicted.

"Last season we had plenty of disruptions, but now everyone is fighting for their position in the team, we have a coach who is strong on discipline, and we have made a great start to the season."

According to Manfred Schaefer, who admitted Melbourne exposed some glaring faults in his side's armoury, the next three weeks could make or break United's season.

"I expected us to lose like this sooner or later", Schaefer said. "The test is whether we

can regroup now.

"The next three games against Newcastle, Brisbane, and Morwell will show what we're made of.

"I always knew we wouldn't finish first. The question is, can we finish in the Top Six."

United will certainly benefit from the experience of Manis Lamond and Eric Hristodolou, who return from injury this week. Eight of the players fielded

by Schaefer on Sunday were 21 or younger, and for the first time this season the Crows looked like a team out of its depth.

The Knights' youth policy was also in evidence, but despite all the talk about the two youngest squads in the CCSL it was the oldest man on the field who stole the show early in the first half.

34-year-old Josip Biskic looked like he thoroughly enjoyed planting the Knights' opener past United's defence, most of whom were probably in nappies when he was making his NSL debut.

That set the platform for Podeljak's onslaught. His first was the goal of the game - a glorious move which swept up field, courtesy of some slick passing and a bustling Fausto De Amicis run, ending sweetly with a class strike.

SYDNEY UNITED: Kalac, Stanton, Kupresak, Popovic, Milicevic (Zdrilic 45),

Petkovic, Krslovic, Gibson, Moric (Jerman 45), Okon, Milicic.

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Ollie Podeljak: double strike helped sink United.

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Gibson too good for struggling Marconi

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, inspired by their ace goalkeeper, Mike Gibson, had to weather a barnstorming second half last Sunday night at Leichhardt Oval before defeating a revived Marconi 1-0.

The slender victory catapulted Olympic into third spot, who are now strongly threatening to take over the League lead. Olympic now trail joint-leaders Melbourne Knights and Sydney United by one point, and still have an away game in hand against Adelaide City.

Dynamic striker, Kris Trajanovski scored in fine style in the 14th minute. Trajanovski outclimbed Marconi's centre-back, Blagoja Kuleski to meet an Ivan Kelic cross from the left and delicately head-glance into the far corner of the target.

The goal ignited Olympic into non-stop action as they continually poured through Marconi's lines.

Sixty seconds after



Trajanovski's goal, Olympic could have had a second, but Brad Maloney's free-kick from 20 metres cannoned onto Marconi's left post.

Marconi's midfield of Ian Gray, Ufuk Talay, George Jolevski and Mike Smith, wilted in the first half, lacking authority, cohesion and direction against Olympic's onslaught and rarely threatened the home side in attack or defence.

And the main reason for this was the fact that Gray, (arguably Australia's best all-round footballer), was completely wasted by being zoned wide on the right and starved of action and involvement.

Five minutes before the break, Olympic should have had a third goal when a Joe Caleta cross whipped in from the left was deflected by Trajanovski

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 MARCONI 0

onto the base of the right post.

In this period, Trajanovski was running riot with his high work-rate constantly puncturing gaps in Marconi's lines.

Right on halftime, Marconi should have equalised following a corner from defender and Italian import, Andrea Icardi. The corner found striker Kimon Taliadoros heading strongly on target, but Olympic's burly stopper, Robbie Ironside kicked off the line just inside the right post.

The second half saw a dramatic change, as Marconi strongly came back off the ropes and in fact should have won the match.

Gray on four occasions drifted into a central midfield position from where he sprayed magnificent defence-splitting balls that had Olympic under severe pressure and Marconi's confidence rocketing.

But that's when Olympic's former international goalkeeper

Gibson showed immaculate anticipation, reflexes and composure. Gibson denied Marconi at least three goals to assure Olympic of their three League points.

Taliadoros was Gibson's first victim six minutes after the break when

Taliadoros easily pierced the Olympic defence. And just two minutes later Kuleski set up Taliadoros again, but the powerful striker unbelievably screwed the ball wide from just two metres out.

In the 65th minute,



George Sorras: came on in the second half for Olympic.



reflected: "We are most happy with the maximum points, as we have worked very hard on our defensive work, trying to restrict opponents to long-range shots only. We did give them opportunities but at the same time we also missed a few ourselves."

Best for Olympic for the fourth time in a row was Trajanovski, plus Gibson and Maloney, whilst Marconi was best served by sweeper, De Marigny and the luckless striker, Taliadoros.

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Sydney United's Tony Popovic in action last season against Brisbane.

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BREAKERS 2

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RED CARDS: McGeachey 17m for BUSC.

REFEREE: E. Brazzale.

CROWD: 1200.

POY: McQuarrie 3, Meredith 2, Tombolato 1.

BRISBANE STRIKERS 1 HEIDELBERG 2

BRISBANE: Ross, Pimblett,

Hunter, Jackson, Philips, Stowell, Wright, T. Cranney, Slater, Williams, S. Cranney (Lees 64m).

HEIDELBERG:

Chatzitifonas, Brattan, Scott, Palatsides, Negic, MacNicol, Stubbins, Michalakopoulos, Obradovic (Gnjic 86m), Nikolic, Tikitakis.

SCORERS: Stubbins 35m, Michalakopoulos 44m for Heidelberg. Pimblett 56m for Brisbane.

YELLOW CARDS: Pimblett 53m, T. Cranney 67m for Brisbane. Negic 84m, Tikitakis 85m, MacNicol 87m.

SEND OFF: Michalakopoulos (85m).

REFEREE: Peter Hulme.

CROWD: Approx. 2,500.

POY POINTS: Hunter 3, MacNicol 2, Philips 1.

CCSL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melb. Knights	5	3	1	1	12	4	10
Sydney United	5	3	1	1	7	6	10
Sydney Olympic	4	3	0	1	7	4	9
West Adelaide	4	2	1	1	7	2	7
Newcastle BHP	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Marconi Fairfield	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Parramatta Eagles	5	1	3	1	4	5	6
Wollongong City	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Morwell Falcons	4	1	1	2	3	3	4
Heidelberg Utd	4	1	1	2	4	9	4
Brisbane Strikers	4	0	2	2	2	4	2
Melbourne BUSC	4	0	2	2	2	9	2
South Melbourne	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Adelaide City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS

4	Oliver Podeljak	.....	(Melbourne Knights)
4	Warren Spink	.....	(Newcastle BHP)
3	Raymond Blair	.....	(West Adelaide)
3	Ante Milicic	.....	(Sydney United)
2	Mathew Bingley	.....	(Marconi Fairfield)
2	Josip Biskic	.....	(Melbourne Knights)
2	Ivan Kelic	.....	(Sydney Olympic)
2	Manis Lamond	.....	(Sydney United)
2	John Markovski	.....	(Morwell Falcons)
2	Nemanja Obradovic	.....	(Heidelberg United)
2	Scott Ollerenshaw	.....	(Wollongong City)
2	Kris Trajanovski	.....	(Sydney Olympic)



MARCONI v WOLLONGONG CITY



SQUAD

	POY POINTS
MARK SCHWARZER Goalkeeper	0
TONY KOSTADINOVSKI Goalkeeper	0
JP DE MARGINY Defender	1
GEORGE JOLEVSKI Defender	2
GARY VAN EGMOND Defender	0
MATTHEW BINGLEY Midfielder	6
STEVE CORICA Midfielder	2
IAN GRAY Midfielder	3
ANDREW HARPER Midfielder	0
ANDREA ICARDI Midfielder	1
BLAGOJA KULESKI Midfielder	0
FABIO MACOLINO Midfielder	0
TOMMY McCULLOCH Midfielder	0
MICHAEL SMITH Midfielder	0
UFUK TALAY Midfielder	1
JONATHAN ANGELUCCI Striker	0
LUKE CASSERLEY Striker	0

AT MARCONI STADIUM

LIKELY LINE-UPS – ROUND 6



ABSW PREDICTS

Greg Blake: Marconi
Alistair Russell: Marconi
Con Stavros: Marconi

Anthony Raineri: Marconi
Roger Sleeman: Marconi
Steve Copping: Marconi



ANDY HARPER



MATT HORSLEY

THE MATCH

Marconi eager to re-establish their imposing authority at home base, will again sorely miss the services of Socceroo's Mark Schwarzer and Steve Corica for this mid-table clash with the Wolves.

The Wolves have their own problems, Anthony Surjan will perhaps fill the void left by the suspended Richard Lloyd, while in their last eleven starts here Wollongong have won just once.

Left sided defender come midfielder, Mike Smith, will be facing his former South Coast team-

mates for the first time, and the gifted Scotsman, with one of the sweetest left foots in the league will be keen to produce some fireworks for Wolves custodian Brett Hughes.

Wollongong are winless since round 1, and Marconi Stadium is a difficult proposition for a side to resurrect their season.

Don't expect many goals here, Wollongong haven't scored in their last two starts, and away from Brandon Park have drawn both matches to date.

THE FACTS

LAST 10 LEAGUE GAMES: W D L
Marconi 5 1 4
Wollongong 4 2 4

LEAGUE MATCHES HEAD TO HEAD:
Marconi 12 5 7

LAST TIME THEY MET:
Feb 27 1993, Marconi 3-0.

WOLVES RECORD AT MARCONI STADIUM
2 Wins, 4 Draws, 6 Defeats

RECORD SCORE:

Marconi 6-0, 1989.
Wollongong 4-0, 1981.

— COMPILED BY GREG BLAKE

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS V SYDNEY UNITED

AT MITRE 10 STADIUM



SQUAD

	POY PTS
TROY BELLAMY	0
Goalkeeper	0
CLINT GOSLING	1
Goalkeeper	1
GRAHAM JENNINGS	0
Defender	0
RALPH MAIER	0
Defender	0
MARK JONES	0
Stopper	0
NEIL OWENS	2
Sweeper	2
ANDREW ROBERTS	0
Defender	0
DARREN STEWART	0
Defender	0
MARK WILSON	0
Defender	0
NICK MEREDITH	5
Midfielder	5
BOB NAUMOV	0
Midfielder	0
DARREN NORTHAM	0
Midfielder	0
SCOTT WELLS	0
Midfielder	0
GARY WILSON	0
Midfielder	0
RODNEY BROWN	0
Striker	0
DAVID LOWE	1
Striker	1
JOHN McQUARRIE	3
Striker	3
ROBBIE MIDDLEBY	0
Striker	0
DANE SHARP	0
Striker	0
WARREN SPINK	5
Striker	5

LIKELY LINE-UPS – ROUND 6



— ABSW PREDICTS —

Greg Blake: Breakers Anthony Raineri: Draw
 Alistair Russell: Draw Roger Sleeman: Crows
 Con Stavros: Crows Steve Copping: Draw

These two up-starts will surprisingly for most, get match of the round status for their battle in the Coal City tomorrow evening.

United finally came asunder following their early season tear away form, dropping five points in five days last week, after a spectacular kick off to the campaign.

Newcastle have at last shunned the many knockers, and with a gleam in the eye will terrorise many of the more likely this season.

Warren Spink continues to click over the goalscoring clock, while Darren Stewart will add steel to their back-line, should coach Jim Foley be tempted to alter his successful eleven.

Visiting coach Manfred Schaefer would be excused for a major reshuffle, Ante Milicic looks out of sorts, and Manis Lamond could be the man for that job, while Eric Hristodoulou is likely to make his return from injury into the midfield.

The Crows will have to show their mettle here, Newcastle are unbeaten in their past three starts and will be tough to crack in their own backyard.

The Facts

LAST 10 LEAGUE GAMES:

	W	D	L
Newcastle	6	2	2
Syd United	6	1	3

HEAD TO HEAD:

Level	2	0	2
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LAST TIME THEY MET:
 Jan 22 1993, Newcastle 3-1.

LAST TIME THIS GROUND: As Above

RECORD SCORE: Newcastle 3-1, 1992-1993.
 Sydney United 2-1, 1991-1992.

CROW'S RECORD AT NEWCASTLE:
 1 WIN, 1 DEFEAT.

— COMPILED BY GREG BLAKE

Andrew Roberts: Newcastle defender



SQUAD

	POY PTS
TONY FRANKEN	0
Goalkeeper	0
ZELJKO KALAC	1
Goalkeeper	1
JOHN PEROSH	0
Goalkeeper	0
MARK BABIC	0
Defender	0
VELIMIR KUPRESAK	0
Defender	0
TONY POPOVIC	0
Defender	0
ROBERT STANTON	0
Defender	0
ANTE ZIZIC	0
Defender	0
JOHN GIBSON	0
Midfielder	0
ERIC HRISTODOULOU	0
Midfielder	0
MIRKO JURILJ	0
Midfielder	0
TOM MILICEVIC	0
Midfielder	0
ANTE MORIC	2
Midfielder	2
KLAUS OKON	1
Midfielder	1
IVAN PETKOVIC	0
Midfielder	0
MARIO JERMAN	0
Striker	0
TONY KRSLOVIC	2
Striker	2
MANIS LAMOND	2
Striker	2
ANTE MILICIC	3
Striker	3
MATTHEW ZEC	0
Striker	0

HEIDELBERG UTD

AT OLYMPI



SQUAD

	POY PTS
M CHATZITRIFONOS	0
Goalkeeper	0
DOUG HODGSON	0
Defender	0
ALAN SCOTT	0
Defender	0
GARY BRATTEN	0
Midfielder	0
MICHAEL CURCIJA	0
Midfielder	0
BRIAN MACNICOL	2
Midfielder	2
ROMAN NIKOLIC	0
Midfielder	0
NEMANJA OBRADOVIC	0
Midfielder	0
PHILIP STUBBINS	0
Midfielder	0
CON SIDRIVANIS	0
Midfielder	0
PETER TIKTIKAKIS	1
Midfielder	1
DANNY GNJIDIC	0
Striker	0
M MICHALAKOPOULOS	0
Striker	0
JOE PALATSIDES	0
Striker	0
ANDREW VLAHOS	0
Striker	0
GEORGE GEORGIADIS	0
Utility	0
NEGIC	3

The Facts

LAST 10 LEAGUE GAMES:

	W	D	L
Heidelberg			
Olympic			

LEAGUE MATCHES HEAD TO HEAD:

	W	D	L
Heidelberg			

LAST TIME THEY MET:
 Jan 26 1993, Olympic 3-0.

LAST TIME THIS GROUND:
 Nov 1 1992, 2-2.

RECORD SCORE:
 Heidelberg 4-1, 1983 + 1993.
 Olympic 4-0, 1989.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S RECORD:
 1 Win, 3 Draws, 4 Defeats.

— COMPILED BY GREG BLAKE

Gary Bratten of Heidelberg

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

VILLAGE

ROUND 6

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ALATSIDES SCOTT

IKTIKAKIS NEGIC

OBRADOVIC

KELIC

MALONEY TOME

YRIDAKOS BARRETT

PREDICTS

Anthony Raineri: Draw
Roger Sleeman: Olympic
Steve Copping: Olympic

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pic a run for their money.
will be tough defender Doug
k triumph through suspension,
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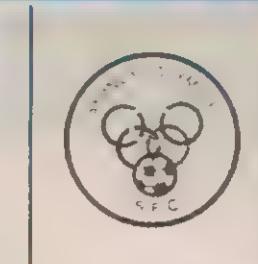
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THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE

LED BY GREG BLAKE



SQUAD

	MICHAEL GIBSON	POY PTS
Goalkeeper	3	
GARY MEIER	0	
STEVE TOLIOS	0	
ELIAS AUGERINOS	0	
DAVID BARRETT	0	
JOSE MENDES	0	
PAUL PANSON	0	
GEORGE SORRAS	0	
TONY SPYRIDAKOS	0	
ROBERT IRONSIDE	0	
GRANT LEE	0	
BRANKO MILOSEVIC	3	
PETER TSEKENIS	0	
JOE CALETA	0	
PABLO CARDOZO	0	
KRIS TRAJANOVSKI	6	
PETER VEZOS	0	
NORMAN TOME	2	

SQUAD

	JASON DASTEY	POY PTS
Goalkeeper	0	
STEVE MAUTONE	2	
STEVE DOUGLAS	2	
JOE GAGETTI	2	
SHAUN PARTON	1	
GARRY UPTON	0	
SONNY SEVIN	0	
ANTHONY CASSAR	0	
MARC STERGIOPoulos	0	
VASKO TRPCEVSKI	1	
JOHN WADDELL	0	
LACHLAN ARMSTRONG	0	
BRIAN BOTHWELL	0	
CLAUDIO CANOSA	0	
JOHN MARKOVSKI	0	
PAUL DONNELLY	0	
JUSTIN GERI	0	
CARL VILLANI	0	
FREDDY KRUYS	0	
GEORGE HANNAH	3	

AT MORWELL FALCONS PARK

LIKELY LINE-UPS – ROUND 6



SQUAD

	ROBERT BRIAN	POY PTS
Goalkeeper	0	
ROBERT MANZELLA	0	
JIM KOURTIS	1	
ROBERT TOMBOLATO	2	
PAUL DELLA ROCCA	0	
ROBERT FERLA	0	
STEPHEN MARLEY	0	
DAVID IACOVITTI	0	
MICHAEL MAZZINI	0	
ARCHIE McGEACHY	3	
DINO MIHOCIC	0	
JONATHAN PILLEMER	2	
SASHA BECVINOVSKI	3	
ANTHONY BUDINI	0	
ARTHUR KIRISHIAN	0	
SEAN LANE	0	
STEPHEN SMITH	0	
ANDREW ZINNI	0	

ABSW PREDICTS

Greg Blake: Falcons	Anthony Raineri: Pumas
Alistair Russell: Falcons	Roger Sleeman: Falcons
Con Stavros: Falcons	Steve Copping: Falcons

The derby between the Falcons and the Pumas will go a long way to decide the bottom Victorian club for this season, and with one win and only five goals in eight starts between them, deservedly so.

John Margaritis' latest goldmine in over-priced Ransford Banini will be on show for the visitors and his duel with block-busting John Markovski may just be worth the admission.

The facts are Morwell have failed to trouble the scorers on their home turf in two starts and BUSC are yet to register their first win back in the big time, and lost their last match on the road, 5-0 to West Adelaide in Round 1.

On the brighter side Morwell coach Bobby McLachlan has signed both Freddy Kruys and Alek Djordjevic to bolster his midfield that was all at sea against the Sharks last week.

For the Pumas their demise to Newcastle last start was an unwelcome tonic for their confidence, and the loss of Archie McGeachey through suspension will mean a minor reshuffle, but Sash Bevincovski, John Pillemer and Andrew Zinni, will again provide Margaritis with his best chance of posting his initial victory.



George Sorras (Olympic) clashes with John Markovski of Morwell.

LAST 10 LEAGUE GAMES:	W	D	L
Morwell	2	2	6
Melb BUSC	3	3	4
HEAD TO HEAD:			
Never Met			
LAST TIME THEY MET:			
Never Met			
LAST TIME THIS GROUND:			
As Above			
RECORD SCORE:			
Never Met			
PUMA'S RECORD AT FALCONS PARK			
Never Met			

- COMPILED BY GREG BLAKE



Rob Tombolato: Pumas defender



MELBOURNE KNIGHTS V BRISBANE STRIKERS



AT CROATIAN SPORTS CENTRE

LIKELY LINE-UPS – ROUND 6



SQUAD

FRANK JURIC	POY POINTS
Goalkeeper	0
DAVID MILLER	3
Goalkeeper	0
JOE RADOS	0
Goalkeeper	0
DENIS BERGAM	0
Defender	0
FAUSTO DE AMICIS	0
Defender	0
DAMIAN ORGANOVIC	0
Defender	0
ANTE JURIC	0
Defender	0
ANDREW MARTH	3
Defender	0
THEO SELEMIDIS	0
Defender	0
VLADO VANIS	0
Defender	0
JOSIP BISKIC	6
Midfielder	0
VINKO BULJUBASIC	0
Midfielder	0
VAUGHAN COVENY	0
Midfielder	0
STEVE HORVAT	2
Midfielder	0
KRUNOSLAV RAZOV	0
Midfielder	0
MARK TALAJIC	0
Midfielder	0
ZORAN TRAJCEVSKI	3
Midfielder	0
DAMIAN VOJTEK	0
Midfielder	0
ADRIAN CERVINSKI	0
Striker	0
CRAIG LEWIS	0
Striker	0
OLIVER PONDELJAK	2
Striker	0
MARK VIDUKA	1
Striker	0
MARK SILIC	3
Striker	0
DAVID CERVINSKI	2
Utility	0



ABSW PREDICTS

Greg Blake: Knights
 Alistair Russell: Knights
 Con Stavros: Knights

Anthony Raineri: Draw
 Roger Sleeman: Knights
 Steve Copping: Knights



MARK SILIC

This mis-match between the top and bottom of the ladder could again provide a rugby score for the rampaging Knights. With Ollie Pondeljak revelling in his re-instatement to the first side, the Victorians have managed seven goals in their last two outings, and nine goals in seven days. Fortunately the home side have Vlado Vanis missing through suspension, allowing the Knights the luxury of finishing the match with their full quota. The Strikers have dismally failed to live up to their newly acquired nickname, scoring only twice to date and none away from Perry Park. With the brothers Cervinski, Vaughan Coveney, Joe Biskic and Mark Silic all firing the league leaders should have little trouble in thumping the Queenslanders, who are yet to post a win this time around, and have lost their last two on the trot. Adding to the visitor's problems, is the fact they have never won in Victoria, and have not won away from home since 1991-1992.

LAST 10 LEAGUE GAMES: W D L			LAST TIME THIS GROUND:			
Melb Knights	5	1	4	Nov 1, 1992 Melb Knights 3-1.		
Brisbane	1	2	7	STRIKER'S RECORD AT CROATIAN SPORTS CENTRE		
LEAGUE MATCHES			2 Defeats			
HEAD-TO HEAD:			RECORD SCORE:			
Melb Knights	3	0	1	Melb Knights 3-1, 1991-1992 + 1992-1993		
LAST TIME THEY MET:			Brisbane 3-0, 1992-1993.			
Jan 26, 1993 Brisbane 3-0.			- Compiled by Greg Blake			



ALAN HUNTER

RESULTS

ROUND 5

Wollongong City (Krishna) 1
Sydney Olympic Colts (Mendez) 1,
Marconi Academy (Escobar 27, Iocca 55) 2
Parramatta Eagles (Ardone 3, Meilak 20, 47, Setinay 65) 4,
Sydney Olympic (Patratos 17) 1
Marconi Fairfield 0,
Sydney United (Zmire 57) 1
Parramatta Colts 0,
Queensland Academy v AIS (postponed due to AIS U/20 National commitments).

GOALSCORERS

4 Enis (AIS)
4 McLaren (AIS)
3 Babic (Syd Utd)
3 Harris (Marconi Academy)
3 Skoko (AIS)
3 Moore (AIS)
3 Cardozo (Syd Olympic Colts)
3 James (Newcastle)

FIXTURES

ROUND 6

W/ENDING NOVEMBER 21
Fri Newcastle BHP v Sydney United 5.30pm Mitre 10 Stadium
Sat Marconi Fairfield v Wollongong City 5.30pm Marconi Stadium
Sat Parramatta Eagles v ACT Academy 4.30pm Melita Stadium
Sun Marconi Academy v Sydney Olympic Colts* TBA
Sun Parramatta Colts v Queensland Academy 5.00pm Melita Stadium
TBA AIS v Sydney Olympic postponed

TABLES

	P	W	D	L	F	APts
Sydney Olympic	4	2	2	0	6	48
P'matta Eagles	5	2	1	2	10	97
Parramatta Colts	4	2	1	1	3	27
AIS	2	2	0	0	16	16
Sydney United	3	2	0	1	7	16
Marconi Fairfield	5	2	0	3	3	146
Sydney Oly. Colts	5	1	2	2	4	85
Newcastle BHP	4	1	1	2	7	64
Marconi Academy	3	1	1	1	7	74
Wollongong City	3	1	1	1	4	44
OAS	3	1	0	2	2	33
ACT IS	3	0	1	2	3	131



Peter Katholos: confident about the season ahead.

ROUND-UP MATCHES

SPOTLIGHT GAME

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1
MARCONI 0**

BY KEITH COLE

Exiled Socceroo defender Andrew Bernal returned to the Sydney Olympic team and did enough to suggest that his return to the first team is only a few games away.

Bernal, a regular Socceroo until a spate of knee injuries threatened his domestic and international career, is on the road to recovery.

"I'm probably 85 per cent fit at the moment," says Bernal.

"I haven't lost my touch which is good."

"I'm very happy with my progress, but I won't judge my form until I start playing in the first team again."

"But I'm very pleased to be playing again considering that three or four months ago I had doubts as to whether I would play again," added Bernal.

The match saw Peter Katholos' team go to the top of the table for the first time this season. Sydney Olympic dominated the match from start to finish. They started strongly and went ahead on the 17th minute when a corner from Martin Renaldi found the head of Angelo Petratos who crashed the ball in from five yards.

Two minutes later John Buonavoglia could have added another goal for Olympic but his shot was narrowly wide. However, Marconi did have two clear cut opportunities in the last five minutes. Firstly, when Zlatko Mihajlovic missed an open header after receiving a perfect cross from brother Milan Mihajlovic. And moments later when a shot by Christian Sharp produced a fine reflex save from veteran 'keeper Gary Mier. Sydney Olympic continued the second half strongly with Buonavoglia's speed causing problems for the Marconi defence, only some fine keeping from Tony Pezzano prevented Buonavoglia from adding to Olympic's lead. For Olympic Andrew Bernal had a solid game while Leo Mauceri and Buonavoglia had fine games.

Marconi's Luke Casserly held the defence together well. Despite the loss Marconi coach Zlatko Najsteski remained optimistic about the season.

"The players are getting much stronger and there is still plenty of time for these players to reach their full potential," said Najsteski.

Olympic coach Peter Katholos was

very happy with the result and was confident about the season ahead.

"We played quite well at times and we'll certainly be there at the end of the season," said Katholos.

ROUND-UP

BY PETER KONSTO

The Marconi Academy suffered an unexpected 4-2 home defeat at the hands of the Parramatta Eagles on Saturday.

The Eagles hit the lead as early as the third minute through Walter Ardone. But a fine goal by Daniel Escobar levelled the score for the Fairfielders in the 27th minute.

Just when Marconi started to dominate play however, they were reduced to 10 men following the send-off of Ray Juric. After this incident, Parramatta started to assert their authority over the match which culminated in Malcolm Meilac putting the Eagles into 2-1 lead at half-time.

Meilac extended the Eagles' lead soon after the break with his second goal of the game. Marconi substitute, Darren Iocca, put some hope back into the Fairfield camp by pulling one back in the 55th minute.

However, Parramatta made certain of the full points when Aydin Cetinay put the result beyond doubt with the Eagles fourth and final goal in the 65th minute. In windy conditions at Brandon Park, Wollongong City and the Sydney Olympic Colts shared the points with a 1-1 draw. Both goals came in the second half with Steven Krishna putting the Wolves into the lead but a successful Jose Mendes free-kick salvaged a point for the visitors.

The Newcastle BHP Breakers had an emphatic 5-1 victory over the ACT Academy in their catch-up match.

The Breakers took the lead in the 20th minute from a corner after Harry James converted a flick-on header by Scott McIlroy. The second half saw Newcastle totally dominate as James went on to complete his hat-trick with Clayton Zane and Troy Dewhurst adding the other two for the Novocastrians. The Academy scored a late consolation goal through Alex Castro in the 83rd minute. In the only other game Sydney United defeated the Parramatta Colts 1-0 through an Anthony Zmire strike in the 57th minute.

The AIS and the Queensland Academy had byes.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Northern Division action at Leichhardt Oval.

JOHN BUONAVOGLIA

Date of Birth: 19 October

1975

Clubs: Leichhardt Tigers
Achievements: State
Schoolboy Representative, N.S.W Schoolboys

Ambitions: To play N.S.L and see where I go from there

Heroes: Diego Maradona
Coaching Tip: Stick with it and always play 100% even if you are having a bad game.

Playing Strengths: My dribbling and my ability to take players on.

SOUTHERN DIVISION WITH ROY HAY

RESULTS

ROUND 5

Springvale City 0 VIS (Madaroski 7, 34, Tricarico 9) 3, South Melbourne (Mihaloglu 53, Damianos 77) 2 Morwell Falcons 0, Melbourne BUSC (Budini 35, 80, Donnelly 48, Marianim og 77, Nikolic 85) 5 Doncaster Rovers 0, Preston (Ilievski) 1 Heidelberg United (Curcija 3, Panopoulos 2, Vlahos, Peppas) 7, Albion (E Osman 50, R Osman 57, Tounias 71, 85, Kalayci 82) 5 Altona Gate (Dimovski 11, Atanasovski 27) 2 Buleen (Di Iorio 45, Groidis 51) 2 Sunshine GC (A Muscat 85, 89) 2, North Geelong (I Skoko 35, 90) 2 Melbourne Knights (Pandzic og 3, Magdic 17) 2.

GOALSCORERS

7	Michael Curcija	(Heidelberg United)
5	Ivan Skoko	(North Geelong)
5	Joe Tricarico	(VIS)
4	Enver Osman	(Albion)
4	Andrew Vlahos	(Heidelberg United)
4	Theo Mihaloglu	(South Melbourne)

FIKTURES

ROUND 6

W/ENDING NOVEMBER 21

Sat Morwell Falcons v Melb BUSC 5.00pm Morwell Falc Pk**
 Sun Doncaster Rovers v Nth Geelong 4.00pm Eltham Diamond Valley
 Sun Sunshine GC v Sth Melbourne 4.00pm Chaplin Reserve
 Sun Altona Gate v Buleen 6.00pm Paisley Park
 Sun VIS v Albion 4.00pm Paisley Park
 Sun Heidelberg United v Springvale City 3.45pm Olympic Village**
 Sun Melbourne Knights v Preston 3.45pm Melb Croat Spt Cen**

** CURTAIN RAISERS to CCSL Match

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	APts
Heidelberg Utd	5	4	0	1	17	4
VIS	4	4	0	0	11	2
Sth Melbourne	3	3	0	0	10	0
Albion	5	3	0	2	16	12
Springvale City	4	3	0	1	5	3
Melbourne BUSC	4	2	1	1	11	5
Melbourne Knights	5	2	1	2	8	6
Buleen	3	2	1	0	4	2
Morwell Falcons	5	1	1	3	8	9
Altona Gate	4	1	0	3	5	12
Sunshine GC	5	0	2	3	8	14
North Geelong	5	0	2	3	7	14
Preston	4	0	2	2	7	14
Doncaster Rovers	4	0	0	4	0	20



John Kolleris of Heidelberg

ROUND-UP MATCHES

SPOTLIGHT GAME

ROUND-UP - ROUND 5

BY ROY HAY

The National Youth League (Southern Division) is beginning to take shape after five rounds with Heidelberg United and the Victorian Institute of Sport on top with 12 points, though the VIS has a game in hand. Two rounds were played since last weekend.

Heidelberg beat Melbourne Knights by an Andrew Vlahos goal on Thursday night and would have put the match beyond doubt if Frank Juric had not brought off a brilliant penalty save late in the game. On Sunday Heidelberg trounced Preston by seven goals to one at Connor Reserve.

It was 1-1 at the interval, but Michael Curcija scored a hat-trick to take his season's total to seven in five games, and Michael Panopoulos added two, with Vlahos and George Peppas getting one each. Zlatko Ilievski had scored earlier for Preston, which had three players sent off in the second half.

The Victorian Institute of Sport beat Springvale City 3-0 at Waratah Reserve thanks to some excellent midfield play by Osman Fehmi and a double by Danny Madarovski and a goal by the unstoppable Joe Tricarico. Springvale keeper Robert Del Papa was outstanding once again, having no chance with any of the goals.

South Melbourne showed it is on the march with a 7-0 demolition of Doncaster Rovers on Wednesday and a 2-0 home win over Morwell Falcons on Sunday.

Theo Mihaloglu had a hat-trick in the first game and one in the second, while Bill Damianos also scored in both games.

Albion caused two upsets. It came from behind to beat Sunshine George Cross by five goals to four in midweek, with Enver Osman's winner coming in the last few minutes. This was the first time that Albion had led in the match. Then on Sunday, after being two down against Altona Gate the second half revival followed and a 5-2 win resulted. Enver Osman got three in the first match and George Tounias scored

twice in the second.

Bulleen had a win and a draw, thanks to an Anthony Barbieri goal which downed Morwell Falcons 1-0 in the Valley, goals by Peter Di Iorio and Peter Groidis in front of about 400 spectators at the Veneto club against Sunshine George Cross. Bulleen thought it had this match won, but two late goals by Allan Muscat secured the draw.

North Geelong pulled off two draws, away to Melbourne BUSC after leading 4-2, and at home to Melbourne Knights after being 2-0 down. Ivan Skoko was the common factor, scoring a hat-trick at Western Oval, then both goals at Elcho Park including a last minute equaliser. An own goal by Tom Pandzic from Zoran Kostovski's deflection and a well taken one by Paul Magdic had put the Knights in a seemingly impregnable position.

The postponed matches between Altona Gate and Springvale City and between the VIS and Preston will be played on December 1, 1993.

PREVIEW OF ROUND 6

The two top games in Round Six will pit the Victorian Institute of Sport against Albion at Paisley Park in the early game at 4pm, and Heidelberg United against Springvale City at Olympic Village at 3.45pm. It will be interesting to see if Albion can perform its second half miracle, which has been a feature of recent games against the super-fit VIS.

Heidelberg is looking ominous already, but it will be without John Kollevris who is off for trials in Scotland and England with top clubs like Rangers, Celtic and Dundee United.

Morwell Falcons and Melbourne BUSC look evenly matched in the Latrobe Valley, while North Geelong should record its first win away to the struggling Doncaster Rovers. South Melbourne will be too strong for Sunshine George Cross, while Bulleen may have the edge on Altona Gate.

If this year's game between these two at Paisley Park is half as good as last year's it will be a cracker. Finally the Melbourne Knights should account for Preston at home.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

PAUL MAGDIC

Name: Paul Magdic
Date of birth: November 14, 1975
Present club: Melbourne Knights
Previous clubs: Always at Melbourne Croatia, except for a spell with St Albans Reserves.
Position: Midfield
Players I admire: Zeljko Adzic, Zvonimir Boban, Paul Wade.
Greatest skill: Passing and creating play.
What skill do I have to improve: Heading.
Ambition: To play for Melbourne Knights seniors and perhaps for Australia one day.
Coaching tip: Do lots of practice and always do it with the ball.
What should soccer fans know about me? Notice my stamina, how I keep going and try never to stop.

Paul Magdic is the captain of Melbourne Knights Youth team for 1993-4. A hard working midfielder with good vision and a big heart, Paul is determined to succeed at the highest levels in Australia. He scored for the Knights in its 2-2 draw with North Geelong at the weekend.



Paul Magdic: hopes to break into the senior team.

PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR

All players will take part in a vote for the National Youth League Players' Player of the Year and Goalkeeper of the Year.

Voting papers will be distributed before the last round of matches. Get to know your opponents, so you know whom to vote for at the end of the year.

REMINDER TO CLUBS AND REFEREES

Would all clubs and referees ensure that they phone results and scorers for both teams to Roy Hay on 052-435966 on Sundays so that the information can be supplied to the press, radio and TV as soon as possible.

I also need the information for the NYL 0055 number, so don't forget or your players and supporters will be upset. Please feel free to make copies of this newsletter and distribute it to your players and supporters.





JORDI'S A CHIP OFF THE CRUYFF BLOCK!

HE speaks with the same level-headed harsh realism as his illustrious father.

"Being called Cruyff doesn't help me at all. In fact, sometimes it's pretty awful," says 19-year-old Johan Jordan Cruyff, otherwise known as "Jordi".

Watching him play in the Spanish Second Division with Barcelona's 'B' side is like turning the clock back a quarter-of-a-century.

The ball skills are there, the fluency of movement, the goal scoring instinct.

"The name is the big problem," says Jordi with a shrug. "People assume that I'm where I am because of who I am."

"But if you can play football, you can play football irrespective of whose son you are."

"You just have to make the most of your talents and work hard. I think I would be a footballer even if my name wasn't Cruyff."

Jordi was born on 9 February 1974, less than four months after his father's debut for Barcelona.

At the time, the choice of a Catalan Christian name was seen as patronising.

Now it permits a degree of anonymity.

Cruyff never appears on the Barcelona 'B' sheet.

The youngster prefers to appear as plain Jordi.

He makes it clear that he doesn't like being singled out for interviews after training sessions at the "Mini-Estadi", across the road from



the main stadium.

"I would prefer people to talk about me a bit less," he explains, "because so much attention creates pressure."

"I've already realised that my teammates find it easier to relax and play their football because they are not put under the microscope as I am."

"This is where my name is a disadvantage. In any case, the piece of advice my father always drums into me is to watch, listen and keep quiet."

There was knowing sniggers when Cruyff senior plugged his boy into Barcelona's Youth Scheme shortly after taking over as manager in 1988. At first he seemed to invite comparisons with Hugo and Lalo Maradona, players who cashed in on their surname.

But suddenly the spindly Cruyff offshoot began to blossom.

After scoring 21 goals in 20 games for the under-19 side last season, he was promoted to second division football with the 'B' side.

On 28 October, the 20th anniversary of his father's league debut for the club, Jordi signed his first professional contract as a footballer until the end of the 1997 season, although without relinquishing his status as a second-year commercial studies student at Barcelona university.

The contract, valid until June 1997, guarantees him a fee of \$16,000 per season plus a monthly living allowance of \$1,160. The release clause stipulates a fee of \$7 million.

"It was not only a terrible mistake," snapped Dad afterwards, "but worse still,

linchpin of the brilliant Dutch "total football" squad of the 1970s, who played for Barcelona for six seasons and, as manager, has taken the club to three league titles.

"But the secret now is to make life difficult for him. Play him in different positions so that when he returns to his best position he will know what defenders will try to do to stop him."

"And above all, I have to be very demanding. For his own good."

Jordi is at pains to avoid comparisons with his father. "I've inherited his physique," he admits, "but as players I think we are totally different.

"But that's for people who've seen both of us play to decide."

He has already made two appearances in the first team. One in the Catalan "Copa de la Generalitat" tournament and the other in an exhibition match against FC Copenhagen last month when a bad clearance from his own by-line allowed the Danish club to open the scoring.

"It was not only a terrible mistake," snapped Dad afterwards, "but worse still,

because that means I'll never forget it and I'll never make that mistake again."

Jordi admits to having watched videos of his father in action but denies any attempt at imitation.

"My favourite player has always been Marco van Basten," he says.

"But I try to learn from everybody. I don't make

plans for the future."

After six years in Spanish football, he is qualified to

play for Spain rather than

the Netherlands if he chooses.

"That's the sort of

decision to be taken when

the situation arises," he shrugs.

"But if I am selected for

international football, I want

it to be on account of my

own ability, not my name."



Jordi Cruyff: It's hard to follow in your father's footsteps.

he should never have been there in the first place."

Jordi says: "Of course we talk about football at home. And if he has seen me playing for Barcelona he tells me what I have done wrong and how to find solutions.

"He never talks about things I have done well. There's no need to."

Jordi has already won the important battle of convincing his teammates that he earns his place on ability rather than surname.

It hasn't always been easy, especially during a phase a couple of seasons ago when he acquired a reputation as a big-headed know-it-all, prepared to argue with referees and youth team coaches Antonio Olmo and Pedro Artola,

both former Barcelona players.

Now he prefers the low profile of "just one of many players in the dressing room."

In the meantime he has matured into an accomplished No 10 with familiarly fluent ball skills.

Some observers point to his left-footed shooting and claim he is more of a two-footed player than Johan.

But he prefers not to listen to praise.

"Sometimes I get the feeling that people say nice things about me because they want to get into my father's good books," he complains.

"Perhaps that's why I feel more comfortable talking about my defects."

"That mistake in Copenhagen for example. I'm glad it gave them a goal

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"BUITRE" BACK IN BUSINESS

REAL MADRID'S improved form is largely due to Emilio Butragueno's comeback.

The Spanish international striker had a rough patch, starting midway through last season, but is now back with a vengeance.

Combining brilliantly with fellow-striker, Chilean

goal scoring machine Ivan Zamorano, "Buitre" ("the vulture" as his fans have nicknamed him) is again striking terror in the hearts of defenders across Spain and Europe.

Butragueno is Real's big hope in their Cup-Winners' Cup quarter-final against Paris St-Germain.

- Lou Gautier



Butragueno: back to form in time for the Cup Winners' Cup.

RESULTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

FA CUP FIRST ROUND
— November 15 —

Yeovil 1 Fulham 0
Yeovil at home to Bromsgrove in second round.

JAPAN LEAGUE
— November 13 —

Verdy Kawasaki 4 (Bismarck 50, 59, Pereira 75, Nakamura 86) bt JEF United Ichihara 1 (Littbarski 23) Sanfrecce Hiroshima 6 (Takagi 25, 60, Cerny 43, Noh Jung-Youn 67, Johnson 75, Moriyama 85) bt Gamba Osaka 3 (Nagashima 27, Minobe 33, Isogai 58) Nagoya Grampus Eight 5 (Jorzhino 3, 62, Elivento 28, Rodrigues 40, 44) bt Urawa Red Diamonds 0 Shimizu S-Pulse 3 (Mukojima 31, 69, Miura 79) bt Yokohama Flugels 1 (Amarilla 44) Kashima Antlers 3 (Alcindo 21, 69, Zico 77) bt Yokohama Marinos 2 (Diaz 0, 19)

STANDINGS

Verdy Kawasaki 12 10 2 28 7
S mizu S-Pulse 12 10 2 19 6
Yokohama Flugels 12 7 5 14 16
Sanfrecce Hiroshima 12 6 6 24 18
Kashima Antlers 12 6 6 20 19
Yokohama Marinos 12 5 7 17 20
JEF United Ichihara 12 5 7 20 24
Gamba Osaka 12 5 7 17 21
Nagoya Gram. Eight 12 4 8 17 19
Urawa Red Diamonds 12 2 10 7 33

GERMAN FIRST DIVISION
— November 13 —

VfB Stuttgart 1 B. Leverkusen 4
Cologne 0 B M'gladbach 4
Hamburg 3 Eintracht F'furt 0
Wattenscheid 2 Nuremberg 1
Bayern Munich 1 Karlsruhe 0
Duisburg 1 Schalke 0
B Dortmund 2 Kaiserslautern 1
Werder Bremen 0 Dynamo Dres 1

LUXEMBOURG FIRST DIVISION
— November 14 —

Avenir Beggen 4 Aris Bonnevoie 0
CS Petange 1 Red Boys Diff 1
Fola Esch 0 Jeunesse Esch 1
CS Grevenmacher 1 F91 Dudelange 0
U. Luxemburg 1 S. Luxemburg 0

POLAND FIRST DIVISION
— November 14 —

Zaglebie Lubin 2 Lech Poznan 2

GERMAN FIRST DIVISION
— November 14 —

Eintracht F'furt 16 10 4 2 34 16 24
Bayern Munich 16 8 5 3 38 17 21
Hamburg 16 9 2 5 32 24 20
Duisburg 16 7 6 3 22 21 20
B. Leverkusen 16 7 5 4 33 23 19
Kaiserslautern 16 8 3 5 31 22 19
Werder Bremen 16 7 5 4 26 19 19
B. Dortmund 16 7 3 6 24 23 17
Cologne 16 7 3 6 21 22 17
Freiburg 16 5 5 6 27 29 15
Karlsruhe 16 4 6 6 19 18 14
VfB Stuttgart 16 4 6 6 22 30 14
Dynamo D'den 16 4 6 6 17 27 14
B M'gladbach 16 4 5 7 28 33 13
Nuremberg 16 5 2 9 21 28 12
Wattenscheid 16 2 7 7 21 30 11
Leipzig 16 2 7 7 14 30 11
Schalke 16 2 4 10 13 31 8

TURKISH FIRST DIVISION
— November 14 —

Galatasaray 1 Besiktas 0
Karsiyaka 1 Kayserispor 0
Trabzonspor 3 Gaziantepspor 1
Zeytinburnuspor 1 Bursaspor 0
Genclerbirliki 3 Ankaragucu 0
DC Karabukspor 2 Altay 1
Samsunspor 0 Sariyer 0
Fenerbahce 0 Kocaelispor 0

ARGENTINA FIRST DIVISION
— November 14 —

Boca Juniors 0 Bel. de Cordoba 1
F. Carril Oeste 0 River Plate 2
S L de Almagro 3 Independiente 1
Platense 0 Argentinos Jun. 0
Lanus 1 Velez Sarsfield 1
E de La Plata 0 Gimnasia Esgrima 2
D Espanol 0 Banfield 2
D Mandiyu 3 R Central 3
Racing Club 2 Huracan 2
Newell's Old B 2 G y T de Salta 0

HUNGARY FIRST DIVISION
— November 15 —

Debrecen 1 Csepel-Kordax 1
Soproni LC 2 PMSC-Fordan 1
Szombathely 1 Raba ETO 2
Kispesti HFC v Bekescsaba pp
BVSC v Ujpesti TE pp
Vasas v VFC-Samsung pp
V Waltham v Ferencvaros pp
MTK v Siofok pp

TUNISIA FIRST DIVISION
— November 15 —

Club Africain 1 E S Sahel 1
CS Sfaxien 0 Esperance ST 0
O Kef 2 OOC Kerkenah 1
CS Hamam Lif 0 Stade Tunisien 1
CA Bizertin 0 AS Marsa 0
US Monastir 1 O Beja 1
CS Sfaxien 2 OOC Kerkenah 2

URUGUAY FIRST DIVISION
— November 15 —

Wanderers 3 Penarol 2
Rampla Juniors 1 Racing 0

Defensor Sport 2 River Plate 1

Huracan Buceo 3 Danubio 2

Liverpool 2 Cerro 1

Nacional 1 Progreso 1

Group A

Sao Paulo 1 Botafogo 0

Flamengo 1 Corinthians 1

Bragantino 2 Bahia 2

Cruzeiro 4 Internacional 1

Group B

Palmeiras 2 Fluminense 1

Gremio 2 Atletico Mineiro 0

Guarani 2 Sport Recife 0

Group C and D

Portuguesa 2 Remo 0

Vitoria 0 Parana 0

Group A

Corinthians 14 10 4 0 27 8 24

Sao Paulo 14 5 7 2 19 12 17

Flamengo 14 6 4 4 17 16 16

Cruzeiro 14 6 2 6 22 15 14

Internacional 14 5 4 5 17 20 14

Bragantino 14 2 9 3 18 16 13

Bahia 14 2 4 8 10 29 8

Botafogo 14 2 2 10 7 21 6

Group B

Palmeiras 14 10 2 2 27 14 22

Santos 13 8 3 2 23 13 19

Guarani 14 7 5 2 21 13 19

Gremio 14 6 3 5 20 17 15

Vasco de Gama 13 5 2 6 18 19 12

Sport Recife 14 4 3 7 10 21 11

Fluminense 14 3 2 9 18 26 8

Atletico Mineiro 14 1 2 11 7 21 4

Group C

Vitoria 13 8 2 3 22 12 18

Paysandu 13 6 5 2 13 8 17

Remo 13 7 1 5 25 16 15

Ceara 13 6 1 6 15 17 13

Santa Cruz 13 5 2 6 19 14 12

Nautico 13 4 4 5 14 19 12

Goias 13 2 5 6 12 22 9

Fortaleza 13 2 4 7 11 23 8

Group D

Uniao Sao Joao 13 6 4 3 21 10 16

Parana 13 5 5 3 16 11 15

Portuguesa 13 6 3 4 20 16 15

A/B Horizonte 13 4 5 4 18 18 13

Coritiba 13 3 7 3 10 12 13

Criciuma 13 5 3 5 17 20 13

A Paranaense 13 3 6 4 14 15 12

Desportiva 13 1 5 7 9 23 7

Note: Top three teams in Group A, top three teams in Group B and the winners of Group C and Group D qualify for the second round.



Igor Shalimov: one of many players sued by Spartak over the last four years. He now stars in Italy.

Despite lack of money Spartak still a winner

RUSSIAN football may have been badly hit economically by the break-up of the former Soviet Union, but that does not appear to have adversely affected playing performances.

The national team have qualified for the World Cup finals while Spartak Moscow have qualified for the prestigious and lucrative Champions' League.

Spartak have also retained their league title, which runs from April to November, for a record 14th time with four games to spare.

These successes have come despite the fact the Russian League, comprising 18 teams, is not as strong as the old Soviet one.

This is mainly due to the loss of some of the most powerful clubs. Furthermore, Russian soccer suffers from the continued exit of its best players for the richer pastures in Western Europe.

In addition state subsidies which used to keep the clubs

solvent have been cut back.

And today, the free market economy forces clubs to find private sponsors and to rely, more than ever, on gate receipts.

The days when all the Dynamo clubs were run by the police, those called CSKA by the army and others enjoyed direct grants from local councils are over.

Spartak remain the best supported team, although the average gate at home is a derisory 7,000.

The constant drain of talent has persuaded some clubs to engage foreign players or veterans returning from abroad.

But Spartak rely on their own discoveries.

Team manager Oleg Romanov, 39, a qualified physical education teacher who has been in charge of the club

for four years, is a former Spartak captain and international.

He says: "We are proud of our youth development system.

"We can do well in the Champions' League and the prospect should keep our top players at home."

Certainly, their international pedigree is

impressive.

In 1991, the last season before the Champions' League was created, they reached the semifinal of the Champions' Cup after victories over Napoli and Real Madrid, and the semifinals in the Cup Winners' Cup two seasons later.

Yet strength in depth is clearly needed.

The once-proud Moscow Dynamo side lost 6-0 to Eintracht Frankfurt in this season's UEFA Cup, the heaviest home defeat for any Russian or Soviet team in the 38-year history of European competitions.

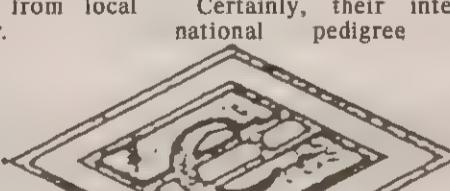
Team boss Valeri Gazzayev resigned, a rare decision in a country where unsuccessful coaches usually wait to be fired.

Meanwhile, a new problem is posed by the sponsors.

They are said to interfere in club affairs and threaten to withdraw financial support unless they can influence team selection, transfers and the choice of referees who have been intimidated or even assaulted.

In order to appease referees, their match fees have been raised and they are now better paid than many skilled workers in industry.

But the League president, Nikolai Tolstykh, insists: "We will not give in to the mafia."





AROUND THE GLOBE

Compiled by Lou Gautier

FIFA SANCTIONS

◆ FIFA's Disciplinary Committee has rejected a request from the Colombian Association for reconsideration of their case on grounds of insufficient new evidence and confirmed the fine of \$80,000 and caution that had been imposed for unauthorised advertising on jerseys.

Colombia had played two friendlies wearing advertising on their outfits in breach of present regulations governing advertising on national teams' clothing.

◆ The Zimbabwe association was fined \$4,000 on account of inadequate security arrangements at the game against Guinea on September 26, 1993.

◆ Bolivia have been fined \$4,000 for unsporting conduct on the part of its delegation at the game versus Uruguay on September 12, 1993. It was also cautioned.

◆ Following disturbances at the game between Ecuador and Uruguay on September 5, 1993, FIFA has banned the Isidro Romero Carbo Stadium in Guayaquil until December 31, 1993 from staging international matches and imposed a fine of \$24,000 on the Ecuador Association.

Their team doctor and masseur were fined \$4,000 and \$1,000 respectively for unethical conduct at the match against Bolivia on August 15, 1993.

◆ A fine of \$1,200 and a caution were inflicted on the Moroccan Association for having organised a charity match between an African selection and the Rest of the World without prior approval from FIFA.

That was the match Socceroo Vlado Bozinoski appeared in two months ago.

◆ Polish player, Roman Zub, has been banned from playing worldwide until June 24, 1994 after being found guilty by the Polish association of taking banned drugs.

WORLD CUP STADIUM OK

The French government has given the go-ahead for a new stadium to be built in St Denis, just north of Paris, for the 1998 World Cup finals.

Sports minister Michelle Alliot-Marie announced that plans for the new 80,000-seater stadium had been finally endorsed after local and regional authorities agreed to contribute to the costs.

The new stadium — only three kilometres outside the city limits — will host the opening match, a semifinal and the final.

Construction costs for the ground, which will also be used for athletic events, are expected to amount to \$500 million.

MEDIA MOB MARADONA

Superstar Diego Maradona rated himself only six out of ten on a fitness scale for today's clash with Australia. Maradona, who is suffering from a sciatic nerve injury, said the former world champions were ready to "fight for every ball, minute to minute" to deny the Socceroos the result they need to make it through to next year's finals in the United States.

Australia needs a clear victory or at least a 2-2 draw to advance while the South Americans only require a scoreless draw.

Local fans, though, are anxious for a big win to eliminate the residue of humiliation following Colombia's incredible 5-0 thrashing of Argentina in September.

However, Maradona appealed to Argentinian supporters to be patient with their side on Wednesday against Australia and "not to worry if things start slow" or take "90 minutes".

The 32-year-old was speaking to a huge media contingent at Argentina's spartan training camp on the outskirts of Buenos Aires.

The one-time world's greatest player turned it on for the cameras in a light training session where he barely tested the injury.

The greater risk to his health was the media mob which descended on him after training.

Local media earlier this week praised Maradona for losing even more weight since the 1-1 draw with Australia in Sydney on October 31, but the national captain admitted the injury, which is giving him leg and back pain had caused him to put on two kilos.

"But I have put it on in the gym and feel a lot stronger," he said.

Laundrup's not laughing



Brian Laudrup: about to leave Milan?

AC Milan's Danish ace, Brian Laudrup, is none too happy not to be a regular starter at his new club.

Transferred from Fiorentina, via Germany, this season, the talented young midfielder-cum-striker is one of seven foreigners now with the Italian champions.

He has to take his turn in the queue.

As only three foreigners can be on the field at one time, he must alternate with Frenchmen Jean-Pierre Papin and Marcel Desailly, Croatian Zvonimir Boban, Montenegrin Dejan Savicevic, injured Dutchman Marco van Basten and Romanian Florin Radu.

Don't be surprised if he is "loaned" out soon.

- LOU GAUTIER

PARMA FINED \$50,000

UEFA have fined European Cup Winners' Cup holders AC Parma \$50,000 for crowd trouble at the November 3 tie against Maccabi Haifa.

Parma, who beat the Israeli team on penalties, were one of 13 clubs fined by UEFA's disciplinary



committee for "the throwing of fireworks and other objects."

The next biggest fine of \$30,000 was given to Portuguese champions Porto for the same offence in the away tie against Feyenoord in the European Cup.

Porto also picked up a \$15,000 fine for improper team conduct.

Feyenoord were fined a total of \$25,000 for the behaviour of their fans and team in the same match.

Feyenoord striker John van Loen, sent off a minute from time for kicking Porto defender Jorge Almeida, was given a four-match ban from



Thomas Brolin: scored for Parma last week.

European competition.

Scotland's Aberdeen were fined \$10,000 after a lone fan ran onto the pitch during a Cup Winners' Cup tie against Torino.

The spectator was arrested by police as he ran towards the referee.

Torino were also fined \$5,000 after their fans let off fireworks.

Atletico Madrid's Jose Perez was handed a five-

match ban after being sent off in an UEFA Cup tie against OFI Crete on November 2.

UEFA, the European Football Union, had already announced a four-match ban on Manchester United striker Eric Cantona for insulting the referee after the English team had been dumped out of the European Champions' Cup by Galatasaray of Turkey.



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■ Madrid side Rayo Vallecano have sacked coach Felix Barderas. New man in the hot seat is Fernando Zambrano, his assistant.

■ Hearts of Millothian president Wallace Moore had to drop plans to buy Tynecastle Stadium. Mercer had made an offer of \$6 million but the club supporters rejected the idea.

■ Deportivo La Coruna's Brazilian striker Bebeto has announced he will end his international career after the 1994 World Cup finals.

■ Swedish striker Johnny Ekstrom, back in Italy with Reggiana, has declined to be selected for USA '94.

■ Nigeria may engage a world-class coach just for their 1994 World Cup finals campaign. There is speculation that Terry Venables could be the man for the job. He is very popular in the former British west African colony.

■ Dutch wooden spooners Cambuur Leuwaarden have fired their coach, Theo de Jong, 46. His replacement is a Scot, Jimmy Calderwood, who will be assisted by Dutchman Martin Koopman.

■ Zaire (ex-Belgian Congo) have inaugurated an 80,000-capacity stadium in the capital of Kinshasa. Built and financed by China, it is the most modern and functional in Africa.

■ The East Asian Games are about to start in North Korea. The Olympic (under-23) teams of North and South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macao, Mongolia and Taiwan are competing.

■ Tanu Colak, who now plays for Turkish Second Division side Istanbulspor after being sacked by Fenerbahce, has lost none of his scoring qualities. He banged in six against Gaziosmanpase recently.

■ Italian-born midfielder Dante Brogno is to become a naturalised Belgian, following the footsteps of Enzo Scifo, also born in Sicily.

■ Michel Platini has denied any interest in taking over the ownership of Marseille when the flamboyant Bernard Tapie quits.

■ Rudi Voller hopes to be fit in time for the big clash between his club, Marseille, and French league leaders Paris-St Germain on December 19. The German international striker has undergone left ankle surgery.

■ The draw for the qualifiers for the 1996 European Championships, to be held in England, will take place at Manchester on January 22. Sixteen countries will compete instead of eight.

■ Turkey have replaced the United States as France's opponents in a friendly at Bordeaux on January 19.

■ The final of the Cup in the former French African colony of Mali was abandoned in the 84th minute with Djoliba Bamako leading 4-0 against the country's army club. Soldiers supporting the losing team invaded the pitch, forcing the referee to call the game off.

■ Julio Iglesias will be one of three celebrities conducting the draw for the 1994 World Cup finals from Caesar's Palace Casino in Las Vegas on December 20. Pele and Tom Selleck are the others. SBS will televise the event live to Australia, even if the Socceroos are not involved.

■ The Moroccan FA will spend \$2 million on preparing their team for the World Cup finals. Morocco, who also made it in 1970 and in 1986, go into camp mode next week under head coach Abdellah Blinda. The first get-together will last a week. Then, the players will gather 18 times before their USA '94 campaign.

■ Spanish midfielder Rafael Martin Vazquez is out of action for his club, Real Madrid, for four weeks after tearing his left calf muscle.

■ Goran Vučević, who toured Australia two years ago with Croatia, and Tomas Christiansen have been let go by Johan Cruyff's Barcelona. Vučević may join Lerida; Christiansen, Albacete.

■ Pele is being sued for breach of copyright. An American corporation claims he does not hold the rights for a series of coaching films now being shown on US television under his name.



MATHS WIZARD HELPS BRAZIL

COACH Carlos Alberto Parreira hired the country's best-known mathematician to help Brazil win the 1994 World Cup.

Oswaldo de Souza, known to Brazilians as soccer and lottery oddsmaker for TV Globo, told TV Bandeirantes talkshow host Amaury Junior that Parreira hired him to study the odds of possible game opponents after the World Cup's first round.

Modern soccer includes studying the odds, Souza told Junior.

And especially in the World Cup, which is a competition in which all teams do not play one another, he added.



Carlos Parreira

The world's soccer elite will be taking mathematicians to the United States as advisers, Souza said.

While the team is playing the first round in which 16 of 24 teams qualify, the manager must stay informed to know

the effect of results in determining later Cup opponents, which are eliminatory, Souza said.

The mathematician cited world champion Germany as a team which in recent world cups, tied major first round games to draw weaker opponents later on.

Another TV Bandeirantes commentator said he disagreed with Souza; to win the World Cup a team must play to win all their games.

But Brazil was traumatised in the 1982 World cup when, heavily favoured, they were eliminated in a 3-2 loss to Italy, 3-2 in a game where a tie would have classified



the Brazilians.

Brazil came from behind twice to draw, but instead of playing defensively to secure a draw and classification, the team played offensively determined to win.

Manager Tele Santana, at the time, was criticised for his win-or-nothing strategy.

The Italian victory over Brazil keyed their conquest of the 1982 World Cup.



Brazil in action against Uruguay in this year's World Cup qualifiers.

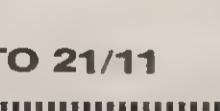
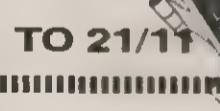
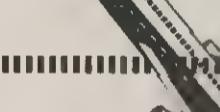
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CHOICE FOR AFRICAN STARS

BY MARK GLEESON

Striker Samba Ndiaye's selection for France at Under 21 level puts him among a growing band of African players faced with a choice between their country of birth and the land in which they now make a living.



Senegal-born Ndiaye, who plays for French First Division Metz, is tying his international future to his adopted country by accepting the call-up.

He is one of three African-born players picked by France's selectors for the under-21 squad and another in a long list of Africans who have played at international level for a country outside the continent.

Also in the squad is

another Senegalese, Oumar Dieng of Lille, and the exciting Zaire-born Claude Makelele, who helped Nantes reach the French Cup final last season.

France, whose senior team will field Ghanaian-born Marcel Desailly in the vital World Cup tie against Bulgaria in Paris on Wednesday, has a long history of giving caps to players born in their former colonies.

But they are not the only European nation with a team featuring players of African origin.

Portugal will field defender Oceano, who hails from the Cape Verde Islands, against Italy on Wednesday in their attempt to qualify for the World Cup finals next year.

The dispersal of African footballers, who number more than 200 in the first and second divisions of Europe, has given many an opportunity to choose which country they want to represent at international level.

For some, like Mali-born Jean Tigana who helped France to the European championship in



Efan Ekoku: born in Britain but raised in Nigeria.

'984, it has been an easy choice.

"Before I was capped by England I trained with the Nigerian team, but it was so disorganised that I decided not to play for them and rather wait for a

chance with England," explained John Fashanu, the Wimbledon captain who was born in London of Nigerian parentage.

Coventry striker Roy Wegerle received American citizenship at the

same time as his native South Africa were readmitted to international competition after a 30-year period of isolation.

But with a guaranteed place in the World Cup finals next year, Wegerle,

whose wife is American, had no hesitation in opting for the United States.

US team-mate Jean Harbor, however, wanted to play for his native Nigeria but was shunned by their national coach, Clemens Westerhoff.

"He said I did not have enough experience," Harbor of Tampa Bay Rowdies said.

"That there was no place for me in his plans. That is why I took up the Americans' invitation."

Under FIFA rules, players capped at youth, Under 21 or senior level by one country cannot later turn out for another, even if they have changed their nationality.

But while some of Africa's leading soccer-playing nations are losing top talent to other countries, there is also movement in the other direction, particularly for the three teams who will represent the continent at the World Cup finals.

Mustapha Hadji, leading scorer with French Second Division Nancy, turned down a call from France's under-21 coach Raymond Domenech last month to

help Morocco qualify for the World Cup finals.

His decision caused a stir in the French footballing press but Hadji's gamble paid dividends as he emerged man of the match in Morocco's 1-0 win over Zambia in Casablanca.

"It took me a week to decide who to play for, but now I'm going to the World Cup," he said.

Compatriot Yassine Abdellaoui, who plays in the Dutch First Division with Willem II, says he is expecting to turn out for Morocco in a forthcoming friendly despite being born in the Netherlands and not speaking Arabic.

"I know it will be very difficult for me to make the Dutch team so I'm throwing in my lot with Morocco. It will be fantastic to be an international at the age of 18," he said.

Others like Efan Ekoku of Norwich, born in Britain but raised in Nigeria, and French-born Richard Njok-Yanga, who recently won a first cap for Cameroon, are now on the verge of being thrust from domestic obscurity to the World Cup stage.

Romario out for German clash



Romario

ROMARIO and four other players have dropped out of Brazil's squad for this week's friendly against Germany, a spokesman for the Brazilian Football Confederation said.

Romario, who underwent eye surgery last week, had declared himself unavailable for the game in Cologne on November 17, the spokesman said.

Romario's striking partner Bebeto was already out of contention having asked not to be selected for personal reasons.

First-choice goalkeeper Taffarel is injured and his back-up Gilmar will stay in Brazil to play in the final of the South American Super Cup for his club Flamengo against Sao Paulo.

Sao Paulo players Cafu and Muller will also stay behind to play in the final, the spokesman said.

Into the squad come goalkeepers Ronaldo of Corinthians and Carlos Germano of Vasco, fullback Luis Carlos Winck of Corinthians and strikers Ronaldo of Cruzeiro and Edilson of Palmeiras.

UNITED WANTS NAME CLEARED

Manchester United has launched a vigorous campaign to clear the name of its fans after the disastrous trip to Galatasaray.

United players have set up a fund to help the fans still in jail in Turkey and the Premier Division club is pursuing other complaints about the treatment of supporters before and after the game that saw Manchester forced out of the European Champions' Cup.

Reported comments by UEFA disciplinary chief Rene Eberle has not eased anger in Manchester.

In response to Manchester complaints about the treatment of their players after the game, Eberle is reported to have said: "Before we would have kicked out Galatasaray we would have kicked out Manchester United for the behaviour of their fans in the city before the match."

United claims players, including Eric Cantona, were struck by riot police after the match, an incident reported to UEFA.

Chairman Martin Edwards said: "We have received hundreds of letters from United supporters complaining about their treatment.

Some claimed they were dragged out of their beds in the early hours and taken to police stations."

Players have set up a fund to campaign for the release of fans still held in Turkey and club secretary Ken Merrett said: "We have addressed two areas.

"Firstly there were supporters who had tickets officially from us who were not admitted to the game and were treated disgracefully outside the ground.



Ryan Giggs: played in United's traumatic clash with Galatasaray.

"Then there is a group who did not even get to the ground and were deported. We are passing on their understandable grievances and horrific experiences of being roused from their beds in the middle of the night and taken to police stations."

"That is a deplorable state of affairs.

The fact that their passports were stamped "deportee" is very serious."

Striker Cantona has been banned for four European Games and both United and Champions' Cup conqueror Galatasaray have been fined token amounts following events in Istanbul.



HODDLE MISTAKE?

With Chelsea losing five games in a row, has their manager, Glenn Hoddle, made the biggest mistake of his football career by joining the Stamford Bridge Brigade?

Glenn Hoddle's decision to leave Swindon Town immediately after achieving promotion to become manager of Chelsea could be the worst he has ever made.

The 35-year-old player-boss is currently rated alongside another ex-international, Kevin Keegan, as joint favourite to replace Graham Taylor as England manager, but if things don't work for him at Chelsea then that may make Keegan an automatic choice for the FA.

Hoddle could have taken the pick of several clubs, including a possible return to Spurs, rather than work with controversial Chelsea chairman Ken Bates and players who have been starved of success.

Some former Chelsea stars have voiced misgiving about it and one of them, John Dempsey, actually wrote to Hoddle advising him against it. Dempsey, who was Chelsea's centre-half between 1968 and 1975, revealed: "I told Glenn I felt he was making a big mistake.

He is going to be a great manager, but I don't think it will do him any good being at Chelsea.

"Just look at what happened to David Webb."

The main criticism levelled at Bates is that he wants a manager who will do as he is told. But Hoddle, Chelsea's third manager in four months and sixth in 12 years, insisted: "I will be in charge of the football side of



things. I am my own man and all decisions on anyone coming or going from this club will be mine."

Yet Hoddle, who is content for Bates and Chelsea's chief executive Colin Hutchinson to handle the finances, might have had a freer hand if he had taken over at his old club Spurs.

Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar wanted him to replace Terry Venables, but Hoddle was not prepared to be a part of the bid to oust Venables.

Instead, the ex-Spurs midfield maestro has signed a three-year deal with Chelsea and will be registered as a player. However, Hoddle, who had trained and played at Stamford Bridge to regain his fitness after first returning to England from Monaco with a severe knee injury, apparently has a 'get out' clause should he be offered the England job.

His move from Swindon has caused upheavals at both clubs. Former England coach Don Howe immediately walked out on Chelsea and their youth team coach Peter Nicholas was dismissed.

Their replacements, which include Graham Rix as youth coach, do not appear to be any better but at least they are the manager's choice!

Howe, who had quit as Coventry manager last summer to work with Ian Porterfield as coach at Stamford Bridge, had not been given a key-role by Webb. He was then only offered the role of chief scout by Hoddle and promptly rejected it.

John Gorman, Hoddle's No.2 at Swindon, significantly turned down the chance to go to Chelsea with him as he preferred the offer to take over as Swindon

boss. But he will find it difficult to hang on to some key players who earned Swindon promotion via the play-offs.

Hoddle's impending departure meant that all contract talks had been shelved and that nine players' agreements were up for renewal at the same time!

These included skipper Colin Calderwood, Micky Hazard, Martin Ling, Ross McLaren, Dave Mitchell and Steve White.

Calderwood said: "I received a written offer before the play-off final with Leicester but I'm going to reject it as I think I am entitled to more."

Hazard commented: "I have been offered a one-year deal when I want two and my gut feeling is to turn it down."

So there could be big changes both on and off the field at Swindon as well as Chelsea.

Both Bates and Swindon chairman Ray Hardman have said that money will be available to buy players.

And while Gorman is busy finding a replacement for Hoddle as a player, his former boss will be getting out the cheque book to



Glenn Hoddle: his reign at Chelsea has been mediocre. Now he is a favourite to become England manager.

splash mega bucks on a goal-scoring striker.

That is his priority as he attempts to bring Chelsea their first domestic honour since they won the FA Cup 23 years ago.

Unfortunately, he may not be around long enough to recapture the glory days at Stamford Bridge if the FA

give Taylor the boot following England's depressing World Cup campaign.

They are already impressed with what Hoddle did at Swindon and how well he handled the job of picking a Football League side to face the Italians last season.

But the amazing revival that former England captain Keegan has produced as manager of Division One champions Newcastle United has not gone unnoticed. And if Newcastle, as expected, meet with more success than Chelsea, Keegan could pip Hoddle for the job he wants most.



KEANE FOR SUCCESS

Roy Keane, a \$8 million signing from Nottingham Forest, reveals why he joined Manchester United rather than Blackburn Rovers or Arsenal.

Q: Do you think you stayed at Forest too long?

Roy: If Forest hadn't gone down I'd still be there now. I wouldn't have moved for another couple of years.

Q: Did you have a clause in your Forest contract which said you could move on if they went down?

Roy: It stated that if the club went down I would be allowed to leave for a certain amount of money.

Q: Were you worried because United left it so late to come and get you?

Roy: Yes, things did drag on for a bit but I was always patient and waited for the right club to make their move. Thankfully United did.

Q: Are you fed-up with ex-pros telling you how to live your life at Old Trafford off the pitch?

Roy: Yes I am. There are only a certain few people I listen to. I've had a lot of advice from players in the Irish squad like Kevin Moran and David O'Leary. Alex Ferguson has also been good.

Q: How do you feel about agents?

Roy: I spoken to hundreds of agents over the last few years but I basically didn't trust any of them until I spoke to the PFA. There is no 20 per cent of this or that, they just charge a reasonable fee.

Q: How do you react when somebody annoys you?

Roy: Well you are always going to get one or two idiots who won't leave you alone and are ready to have a go and I'm afraid that does my head in. But now I'm here I've got to be more careful off the park.

Q: Do you think you let Forest down by getting into trouble off the pitch?



Roy Keane

Q: Which past player would you most like to have in your team?

Roy: Easy, that one. George Best or current player Gazza. I played against Paul a number of times and he's a great character and brilliant player. I've never actually met George since being here. I met him when I was younger and he was opening a betting office in Cork.

Q: What's the most exciting thing about playing for United?

Roy: We are always winning and that means plenty of win bonuses.

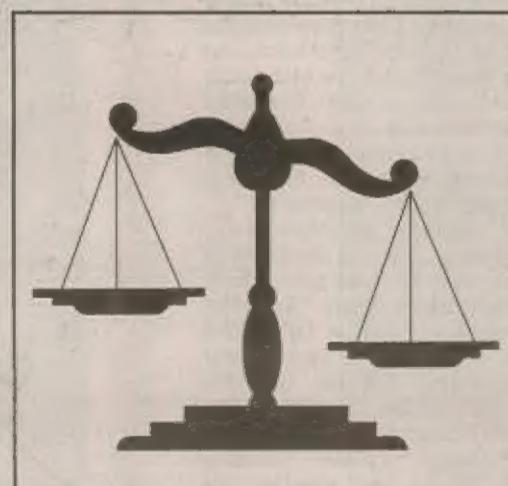
Q: What is the toughest thing about playing for United?

Roy: There's a lot of pressure of the pitch with functions and signing autographs. I have no private life. I don't mind that so much unless I'm in a bad mood.

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Mitch slams Thommo

Socceroo striker admits he came to blows with coach

CONTROVERSIAL
Millwall and Socceroo striker David Mitchell has confirmed he had a bust-up with coach Eddie Thomson after the first leg of Australia v Argentina.

However, he goes further, claiming the two



had actually come to physical blows.

Mitchell revealed that his international career is over because of the punch-up with Scottish born Thomson.

Mitchell said he came to blows with Thomson in the tunnel before the recent World Cup qualifier with Argentina.

The former Swindon, Chelsea and Glasgow Rangers striker said he was angry about being relegated to the substitutes' bench for the crucial game in Sydney.

Mitchell, who could face a FIFA suspension for refusing to play in the return leg in Argentina disclosed last week: "I had a big fight with the manager.

"In fact, there was a punch-up down the tunnel prior to the game, and I told him where to go in no uncertain terms," he said.



David Mitchell: blow by blow with Thommo.

"I thought it was a slur on my ability not to be playing.

"I couldn't accept that

after travelling all that way I was on the bench and he was using only one man up front.

"But I won't be playing for Australia again. I've had enough. I don't want to do it anymore."

— FA CUP — Second Round Draw

The giantkillers were out of luck in FA Cup second round draw.

Sutton United, who toppled Third Division Colchester, travel to Torquay while Macclesfield, conquerors of Hartlepool, will be away to highly rated Division Three team Crewe.

Halifax, beaten by non league opponents in four of the last five seasons, produced the result of the first round by turfing out West Bromwich Albion but its dubious reward is a trip to second division leaders Stockport.

Bromsgrove Rovers, who won at Northampton, will be travelling again - to the winners of tonight's Yeovil-Fulham tie.

But there was some comfort for the non-Leaguers hoping to win through for a third round cash killing against the likes of Manchester United or Liverpool.

Kidderminster, former leaders of the GM Vauxhall Conference, will fancy its chances against either Woking or Weston-Super-Mare, a tie that guarantees non-league participation in round three.

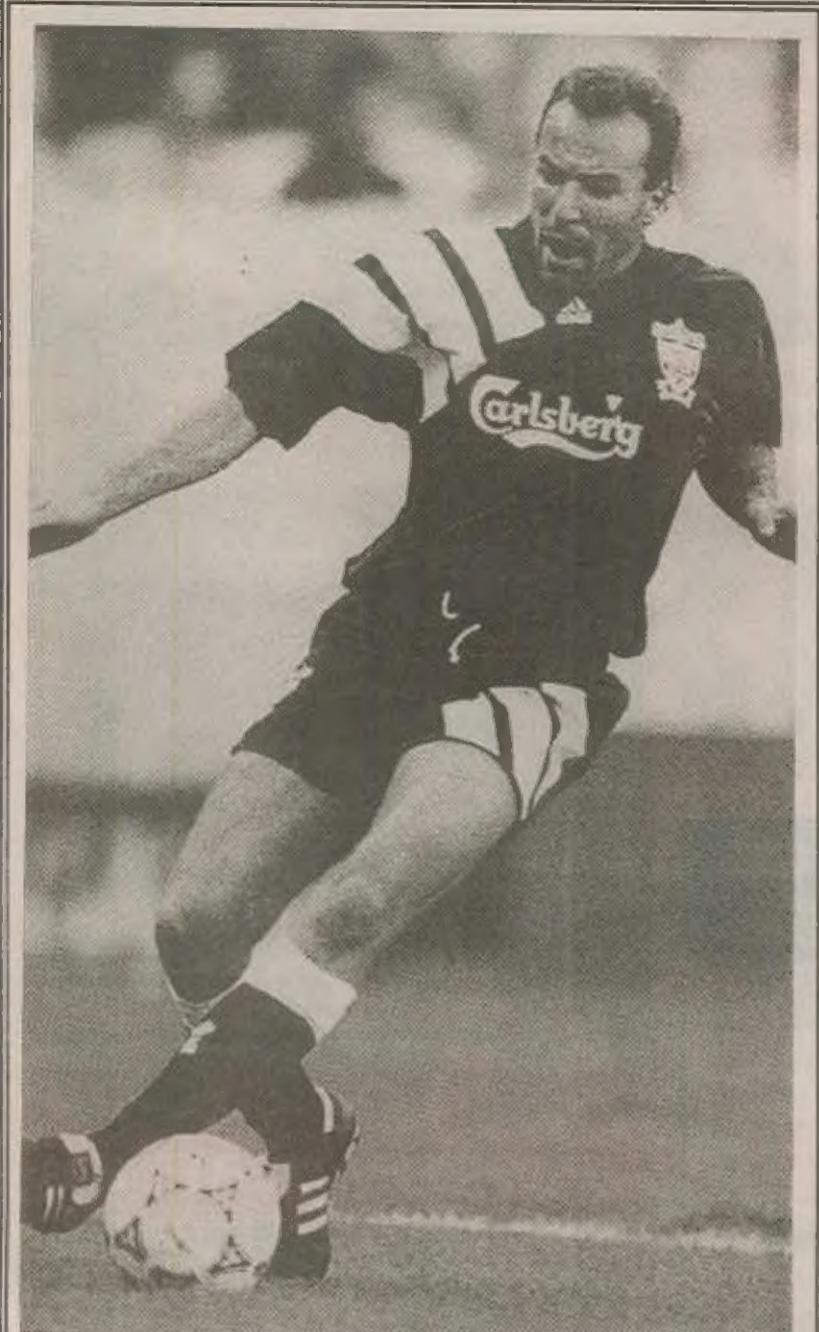
Peter Shilton's Plymouth are home to Yeading or Gillingham while Alan Ball brings his Exeter side to London to face Leyton Orient.

FA Cup Second round draw: Lincoln v Bolton, Leek Town or Wigan v Scarborough, Shrewsbury or Doncaster v Preston, Burnley or York v Rochdale, Bradford or Chester v Runcorn or Hull, Stockport v Halifax, Port Vale v Telford or Huddersfield, Carlisle v Stalybridge or Marine, Wrexham or Walsall v Scunthorpe, Crewe v Macclesfield, Brentford v Enfield or Cardiff, Torquay v Sutton United, Kidderminster v Woking or Weston-Super-Mare, Leyton Orient v Exeter, Plymouth v Yeading or Gillingham, Crawley v Barnet, Bath City v Hereford, Yeovil or Fulham v Bromsgrove, Bournemouth v Swansea or Nuneaton, Wycombe v Cambridge United or Reading.

Matches to be played December 4, 5 or 6.



IAN RUSH



Ronnie Rosenthal: the Israel International is set to leave Liverpool this week for Celtic. Manager Lou Macari is expected to offer \$2 million for the striker who has been left on the sidelines at Liverpool this season.

GIANT KILLERS OF YEOVIL

An injury-time goal by Andy

Wallace gave non-league giant-killers Yeovil a 1-0 FA Cup first round upset victory over Second Division Fulham last Monday.

Wallace, a former London policeman who is now an accountant, gave Yeovil their 17th league scalp in FA Cup ties and made them the fifth non-league club to beat league teams in the First Round this year.

Just when Fulham were contemplating the replay on their own ground, Wallace collected the ball



on the edge of their penalty area, weaved through a gap and drove it into the left corner as Fulham goalkeeper Jim Stannard dived the wrong way.

In last season's competition, Wallace was the villain of the piece when, after Yeovil had beaten Torquay and

Hereford, he made two fatal mistakes to present goals to Arsenal's Ian Wright in a third round game.

"People down here haven't let me forget that," said Wallace.

"I have taken a lot of stick - most of it unfairly. I hope this will silence my critics and that they will get behind me for a change."

Yeovil's triumph earned them a second round match against

another non-league side, Bromsgrove Rovers, who last Saturday knocked out Third Division Northampton Town 2-1.





Liverpool's Robbie Fowler

ENGLISH DIVISION 1 FIXTURES

Saturday, November 20

- Barnsley v Crystal Palace
- Birmingham v Portsmouth
- Derby v Grimsby
- Leicester v Oxford
- Luton v Wolverhampton
- Millwall v Tranmere
- Notts County v Stoke
- Peterborough v Charlton
- Sunderland v Southend
- Watford v Bristol City



Celtic striker Gerry Creaman.

ENGLISH PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

Saturday, November 20

- Aston Villa v Sheffield United
- Blackburn v Southampton
- Chelsea v Arsenal
- Everton v Queen's Park Rangers
- Manchester United v Wimbledon
- Norwich v Manchester City
- Sheffield Wednesday v Coventry
- Swindon v Ipswich
- Tottenham v Leeds
- West Ham v Oldham

Sunday, November 21

- Newcastle v Liverpool

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Utd	14	12	1	1	30	12	37
Norwich	14	7	5	2	23	13	26
Aston Villa	14	7	5	2	17	11	26
Leeds	14	7	4	3	24	17	25
Liverpool	14	7	2	5	22	12	23
Arsenal	14	6	5	3	13	8	23
QPR	14	7	2	5	25	21	23
Blackburn	14	6	5	3	18	14	23
Newcastle	14	6	4	4	24	15	22
Wimbledon	14	5	5	4	16	19	20
Tottenham	14	5	4	5	19	15	19
Everton	14	6	1	7	17	18	19
Coventry	14	4	7	3	16	17	19
Ipswich	14	4	4	6	13	20	16
West Ham	14	4	4	6	9	16	16
Manchester C.	14	3	5	6	14	16	14
Sheffield Wed	14	2	7	5	21	24	13
Chelsea	14	3	4	7	11	16	13
Sheffield Utd	14	2	6	6	17	23	12
Southampton	14	3	2	9	16	24	11
Oldham	14	2	5	7	10	22	11
Swindon	14	0	5	9	11	33	5



Leeds United in action against Tottenham last season.

ENGLISH DIVISION 2 FIXTURES

Friday, Nov 19:

- Cambridge United v Cardiff

Saturday, November 20

- Blackpool v Huddersfield
- Bournemouth v Hull
- Bradford v Plymouth
- Brentford v Burnley
- Brighton v Reading
- Exeter v Port Vale
- Hartlepool v Wrexham
- Rotherham v Fulham
- Stockport v Bristol Rovers
- Swansea v Leyton Orient
- York v Barnet

SCOTTISH DIVISION FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

- Celtic v Hearts
- Dundee v St Johnstone
- Hibernian v Rangers
- Motherwell v Dundee United
- Partick v Kilmarnock
- Raith v Aberdeen

DIVISION ONE

- Airdrieonians v Dumbarton
- Brechin v St Mirren
- Clyde v Falkirk
- Clydebank v Stirling
- Dunfermline v Hamilton
- Morton v Ayr

DIVISION TWO

- Arbroath v Meadowbank
- Berwick v Forfar
- Cowdenbeath v Stranraer
- East Stirling v East Fife
- Montrose v Alloa
- Queen of the South v Albion
- Queen's Park v Stenhousemuir



Rangers playmaker Alexi Mikhailchenko.